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# CHINESE CLAIM GAINS IN BATTLES

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS NEAR S'HAI

### Complete Occupation Of Strategic Points Expected Immediately

Hankow, Apr. 5.

Chinese military headquarters claim not only that the Japanese have neither crossed the Grand Canal, nor captured Taierschwang and Hanchwang, but that the Chinese still hold portions of the towns, and that complete occupation is expected at any moment.

Chinese military headquarters also claim that operations south-west of Shanghai where the Chinese are profiting by a depletion in the Japanese forces who have been withdrawn to reinforce the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, are proceeding satisfactorily.

Yesterday it was officially claimed that the Chinese cut the Nanking-Hangchow highway, while their forces expect to cut the Shanghai-Hangchow railway, less than 70 miles south of Shanghai, at any minute.—*Reuter*.

**Furious Fighting Still Rages Around Taierschwang**

Hsichow, Apr. 5.

Littered with ruins and corpses the villages around Taierschwang on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway continue to be the scene of bitter engagements between Chinese and Japanese forces.

Though driven out of the town of Taierschwang, the Japanese are reported to be still occupying Liuchia-hu, Sanlichwang, Pengchialou and Sinchwang, villages in the neighbourhood. They were surrounded by the Chinese yesterday and the day before, but still fought desperately, hoping for the arrival of reinforcements.

Reporting to General Li Chung-jen, commanding the Chinese forces on the Shantung front yesterday, the Chinese commanding officer at Taierschwang stated that subjected to the Chinese enveloping attacks during the last two days, the Japanese had suffered heavy losses. Street fighting was especially severe on April 3.

On April 4 assisted by seven planes and 20 field pieces, the Japanese, the Chinese commanding officer stated, rushed the Chinese lines at Taierschwang in an attempt to regain the strategic town. The Chinese defenders put up stiff resistance. One of the Japanese planes was hit by Chinese fire and crashed at Sanlichwang, a village in the neighbourhood.

Toward evening the Japanese troops themselves wearing gas masks, the commanding officer continued, launched another onslaught with tear gas bombs, but still failed to dislodge the Chinese forces.—*Central News*.

**Pope Denies Broadcast Condemnation**

Vatican City, Apr. 4.

The Holy See has now definitely repudiated the broadcast made on April 1, in which the Austrian bishops were condemned for advising support of the Anschluss.

The *Osservatore Romano*, the official Vatican newspaper, states: "It was a purely private expression of opinion, neither official, semi-official, nor inspired."—*Reuter Bulletin*.

**Rush To Buy New Stamps**

Crowds Storm Post Office

Scenes reminiscent of Coronation Day were witnessed at the General Post Office this morning, when large crowds of Europeans and Chinese stormed the counters for the first issues of King George VI stamps.

Only three denominations of the new issue are at present on sale—the 25-cent blue, four-cent yellow and two-cent green. King George VI stamps of other denominations will be placed on sale as they come to hand from London.

The new stamps were on sale from 8 a.m. at all post offices, but only moderate crowds were witnessed out the K.P.O. and other district offices.

A special counter was reserved for European purchasers at the General Post Office, and philatelists were able to purchase the new stamps in sheets of 120 on the first floor.

**EXPLAINS CHINA'S POSITION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS**

London, April 4.

Mr. Frederick Whyte addressed the Conservative Private Members Committee to-day on the present situation in China. His address was mainly an historical survey of events from the middle of 1937 to the present time.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Frederick Whyte was political adviser to the National Government of China from 1930 to 1932, and President of the Legislative Assembly of India from 1932 to 1935.

**BISHOP FRERE'S DEATH**

London, April 4.

The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. Walter Howard Frere, former Bishop of Truro, who, it is stated, was the only member of a religious order to be made an Anglican bishop since the Reformation.

Bishop Frere was Superior of the Redemptorists from 1902 to 1913. He was 75 years of age.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

## Chamberlain Asserts Course Vindicated

**FRANCE PROPOSES CAPITAL TAXATION**

Rightists Attack Move Of "Marxist Dictatorship"

Senate Won't Approve

Paris, Apr. 4.

M. Leon Blum's new Financial Bill includes a tax on a sliding scale beginning at four per cent. on capital of 150,000 francs, while it is proposed that the 40-hour a week will not apply to factories engaged in national defence manufacturing.

The Bill refers to the need for improvement in yield from income tax, and this is to be achieved by raising the rate. Certain privileges of rentiers have been abolished, and the repayment of the public debt has been suspended for two years. National defence firms are to pay on excess profits.

The text of the Finance Bill shows a progressive capital levy on fortunes about 150,000 francs, and not 100,000 francs as forecast. It is payable by all residents, including foreigners. All must submit details of their capital within six months.

The tax is four per cent. on 150,000 francs, rising to 17 per cent. to over 50,000,000 francs.



**Man Dies Of Exposure In Tropic Cold**

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Apr. 5.

It is disclosed that a tropical wave of cold is responsible for the death of an unidentified person at Arroyo on the south-east coast.

The man was discovered unconscious, clad in his underwear. He was given hot coffee and revived. Shortly afterwards he died. The doctor attributed his death to exposure.—*United Press*.

**HONGKONG RENTS INQUIRY FINISHED**

Report To Be Tabled Soon

The Report of the Commission appointed by His Excellency the Governor to investigate the recent rise in rents in the city of Victoria and in the Kowloon Peninsula will be laid on the table in Legislative Council at the next Council meeting on April 13.

The Commission has now concluded its enquiry and submitted its report to His Excellency the Governor.

In a communique to the press this morning, the chairman and members of the Commission express their thanks to all those who have provided written or oral evidence.

The Commission comprised Messrs. W. Schofield (chairman), W. J. Lockhart-Smith and R. J. Minnitt.

The terms of reference were:

A. To inquire into the report upon.

(1) the prevalent charges for rent in the towns of Victoria and Kowloon, having regard to their rise and fall during the last ten years, and

(2) the extent to which and the manner in which tenants and landlords have been and are being affected by the sudden growth of the population of Hongkong since the beginning of Sino-Japanese hostilities last year.

B. To receive oral and written evidence upon the foregoing issues.

C. To make such relevant recommendations as may commend themselves to members.

**ASSAILS LABOUR ON ALLEGED POLICY OF DEFENSIVE UNIONS**

Alliance with France and Russia Would Certainly Carry Country into War

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was loudly cheered by Government supporters when he rose to reply to the Labour motion of censure in the House of Commons this afternoon.

He recalled that less than a fortnight ago he made a lengthy and carefully considered statement regarding the policy of the Government, and he was of the opinion that it would not serve any useful purpose if he repeated it even though in somewhat different terms.

Mr. Chamberlain alleged that the Labour Party was endeavouring to exploit, for party purposes, the difficulties of the international situation. He was convinced they were profoundly mistaken, for from all the sources of information he had been able to draw, the policy of the Government had won general approval, not only with the whole country, but practically the whole world, with the possible exception of Russia.

**HE SMASHED RESISTANCE**

General Aranda (right) led the insurgents in their devastating drive through Teruel. It was the success of the operations in this area which paved the way for the present swift advance which has encompassed Lerida and which now threatens Barcelona.

Catalonians Not Anxious To Go To War But Extremists Use Threats To Stiffen Resistance

Perpignan, Apr. 4.

People arriving from Barcelona to-day painted a black picture of conditions in that city. They declare that the extremist elements in Catalonia, who do not hesitate to use threats, are responsible for the continued resistance to the insurgents. It was stated that barely a quarter of the men who have answered the call for mobilisation have answered the call to the colours.—*Reuter Bulletin*.



**Criticises Labour Party Manifesto**

Examining the principal points of the recent Labour Party manifesto, Mr. Chamberlain said that one of the proposals contained therein constituted nothing less than a proposal for an offensive and defensive (Continued on Page 5.)

## THREE AUSTRALIANS BRIEFLY DETAINED ON CHINESE BORDER

Three Australian artists now appearing in a cabaret turn at the Gloucester Hotel were detained by the Chinese military authorities at Shum Chun yesterday afternoon for taking photographs in Chinese territory.

Mr. William Heaton and the Misses Iris Forbes and Joyce Kemp, are appearing at the Gloucester Hotel under the stage names of Billy Heaton and the Ritz Sisters.

Not knowing that photography is strictly forbidden in Chinese territory, the three Australians, who are natives of Perth, Western Australia, took their cameras with them when they visited Shum Chun by train yesterday morning.

"We did not have Chinese visas on our passports, because we had been informed by an official in Hongkong that visas were not necessary for short visits to Shum Chun or Canton," Mr. Heaton told the *Telegraph* this morning.

The first hint of trouble came after Mr. Heaton had taken photographs of the two girls standing besides a Chinese sentry.

The sentry did not object to the photograph being taken, but shortly afterwards three Chinese officers approached and requested the tourists to accompany them to the military barracks outside the village.

The party was detained at the barracks for over an hour, during which time they were subjected to close questioning regarding their movements.

Used and unused films in their cameras were confiscated, and they were requested to catch the next train back to Hongkong.

Upon promising to do so they were released, and shortly afterwards caught a train.

"We did not realise it was unlawful to take photographs in Chinese territory, otherwise we would not have taken our cameras with us," said Mr. Heaton.

"The Chinese officials were very polite and very kind, and we were in no way molested."

"They explained to us the prohibition regarding the use of cameras, and said that there would be no objection to us re-visiting Chinese territory providing our passports were valid."

**German Vessel Rescues 17 British Seamen**

Berlin, Apr. 4.

Seventeen British sailors, comprising the whole crew of a British freighter, were rescued to-day by a German "Strength Through Joy" cruising ship off the Dutch island of Texel.

The British vessel sprang a leak during a severe storm.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

**French Finance Bill Approved**

Paris, Apr. 4.

A meeting of the Finance Commission of the Chamber of Deputies to-day approved the Finance Bill by 25 to 18 votes, with one abstention.—*Reuter*.

**SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION**

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Rongkong Radio Station: City of Ulzburg, Alexia, Dilwara, Taksang, Pingwo, Empress of Japan, Hohow, Chakang, M/S Siam, Potsdam and Nidra.

**The Burgundy Moo**

Geneva.

"One quart of hot Burgundy wine each morning and night."

This is the simple remedy which, according to the monks, has saved the famous herd of cows belonging to the Grand St. Bernard Hospice when foot-and-mouth disease swept through other herds in the Canton of Valais.

Farmers at Martigny, where the herd is quartered in winter, say that the cows, after their morning ration, rolled on their backs and licked their legs in the air, full of joie de vivre—and hot Burgundy.

## STOP PRESS

**CHINESE PLANES BOMB RETREATING JAPANESE**

Hankow, Apr. 5.

Chinese planes twice bombed the Japanese troops between Taierschwang and Yihuen on the north Tientsin-Pukow Railway front yesterday.

The first raid was carried out in the morning when a large squadron of Chinese planes heavily bombed the Japanese troops on both sides of the railway at Likou.

In the afternoon another squadron of Chinese planes flew to the villages north-east of Taierschwang to bomb and machine-gun the retreating troops. The Japanese brought their anti-aircraft guns into action but all Chinese planes returned safely to their base.—*Central News*.

(Further Stop Press News on Page 11.)



# Afternoon frocks are more sophisticated, less dressy

## Hints for Hostesses

**PLANT** your spring bulbs, such as parrot tulips, crocuses and snowdrops, in any odd antique wineglasses you may have. Place a wineglass in front of each guest, and you have something new and personal in the way of table decoration. Scarlet tulips are particularly attractive, for they look like a row of soldiers round the table. Especially if you cover up the earth with a bed of bright green moss.

### Home-made Mats

**THE** season's newest table-mats can be made at home. Buy a yard of pastel linen to tone with your dining room colour scheme and cut it up into mats measuring about nine inches square. Fray the edges of the mats with a strong needle, so that you have a fringe about three-quarters of an inch wide.

If you're an embroiderer you can give the mats an expensive note by working your initials in a tiny circle in the centre in a contrasting silk. Lettuce-green linen with black or chestnut initials is a smart combination.

### From New York

**WHEN** your friends come in for a game of bridge after dinner use the plain wooden tray off your trolley for the cakes and biscuits. Use no traycloth, but place the cakes and biscuits in rows; a row of sugar biscuits, then a row of cakes, then a row of plain biscuits, and so forth. This excellent idea from New York makes it easy for the guests to see at a glance what you have to offer them.

### Glass Cups

**THE** smartest way to serve your coffee is in glass cups and saucers. A favourite pattern has silver stars on clear glass. The price of these is 4s. 11d. for a cup and saucer.

### Ramekins

**MOST** hostesses begin their luncheon party with some form of egg dish in individual ramekins. Just on the market is a set of ramekins in heavy pottery on a tray of the same pottery. The ramekins have tiny handles so that the tray can be handled round easily and guests can help themselves. The top of the tray and the inside of ramekins are lined with a colour to match your dinner service, while the outside is painted a deep cream. The price for four ramekins and tray complete is 7s. 11d.

## CHINA CARE

**VERY** delicate and valuable china must be treated as carefully as one would a week-old baby. It must be sponged carefully, not washed ruthlessly like ordinary cups and saucers.

Then again it is foolish to let a servant wash valuable crockery. It is not fair on her to give her so much responsibility. Wash your china yourself, then you have only yourself to blame if it is broken.

Don't put too much soap in the water; this makes the china slippery and leads to disastrous results.

If you find a permanent place for your small Chinese cups or valuable plates, either on a shelf or arranged up the stairs, why not stick them in place? This plan is adopted by many experienced collectors.

Don't bore your friends with lengthy descriptions of how and where you got certain pieces of china. If they are not collectors themselves, then you will find that the limit of their interest in that place you paid so many pounds for will be a polite, "How pretty!"

Be careful where you place your most valuable pieces. Remember that the rumble of a passing lorry might shake them down from the picture rail.

M. F.

## HOME HINTS

**WHEN** washing fragile fabrics in hard water add a few drops of glycerine. Pure glycerine will remove stains from all washable materials. Apply with a soft pad to the affected part and leave for a few minutes; then wash the garment in the usual way.

Blacklead moistened with a little methylated spirits will make the kitchen stove shine.

Lacquered trays should never be washed. Clean them with a cloth dipped in olive oil.

Hard leather can be softened if it is sponged with warm water, dried thoroughly, then rubbed all over with olive oil.

Paint stains on glass can be removed with turpentine.

Before beginning to wash dishes, rinse those which have contained egg, milk, or flour in cold water before placing them in hot water.

M. W.

## SECOND DAY OF SUMMARY BY ROBB AND LUCY MILNER OF THE NEW SPRING SHOWS

**TWO** points stood out about afternoon frocks in the early dress shows this year.

First, frocks were sophisticated rather than dressy; second, hardly any prints were shown at all. In colour, black and navy blue were easy winners.

At first it was impossible to tell whether these were only individual ideas of one or two designers, but as the same theme appeared in show after show during the week I realised that here was a main trend of fashion.

### All kinds of pleating

**PLEATS** are used even more on afternoon frocks than they are on suits. Often they make the only trimming—running first one way, then the other; stitched down or left open, stepped up on a skirt or panelled into a bodice.

A line which appeared again and again in the later shows was pleating which started, not from the waist of a frock, but from the hips. More sophisticated than an entirely pleated skirt, which always has something of a schoolgirl look about it.

Waistlines are lower, often carried right on down to the hips and emphasised there by panels of pleating or lines of stitching. Eccentricities like boned corsets worn over a dress showed up now and again, but the moulded, draped waists of last year are gone.

### Flower Feature

**AT** one show I saw the nice idea of pinning a flower on each lapel of a long coat; when the coat comes off you find the same bunch of flowers printed on the frock underneath.

What prints there are small; formal, Oriental designs, or chintz, daisy patterns. You remember last year's craze for light printed jackets over dark frocks? This year they've reversed it, put plain jackets over printed frocks, the jacket picking up one colour of the print.

### Not so many suits

**TAILORED** afternoon suits so much talked up by fashion forecasters that I expected to see more of them. Actually they did appear a few times in every show, but weren't all that prominent.

If you feel you'd like one—and they're pretty smart—have it made of ottoman silk or alpaca, cut plain as a man's suit, and wear it with a pleated chiffon blouse.

## TRENDS

**NECKLINES** are high but plain; lots of round and childish collars; several simple Vs.

**BODICES** are tight as you can take them, and tight right on down over that difficult line, your diaphragm. An easier-to-wear variation is a straight, flat panel running from neck to waist, fullness shirred in from the sides all the way down.

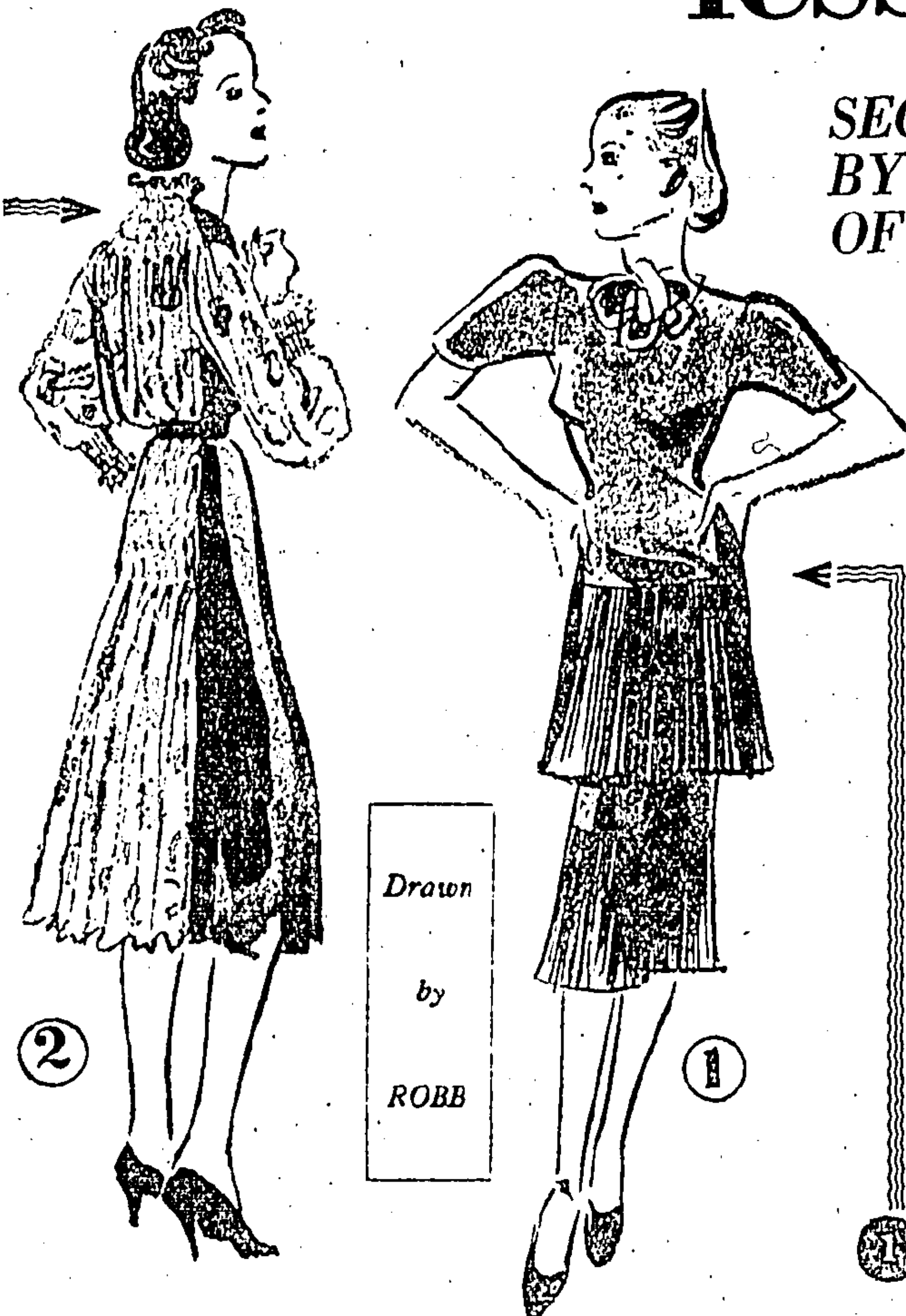
**SKIRTS** are supple and flowing, following your movements as you walk, with bunchy pleating or folds front or back. Length: Slightly shorter—fifteen inches from the ground.

There's a pleasant, young-looking fashion for putting a casual little jacket, short and swinging, or bolero-shaped, over a frock of the same colour.

**SLEEVES** are three lengths: short (four inches below your shoulder); just below the elbow down to the wrist.

**MATERIALS:** Dull rather than shiny; fine wool, crepe, romaine, alpaca, jersey; ottoman; heavy crepe de Chine.

**TRIMMINGS:** Embroidery; lace; bands of colour; details of plants and panels.



Drawn  
by  
ROBB

## GRACE WILSON'S News for Women

### Coiffures for Pretty Necks: "Scrap-Album" Dresses

**IN** the latest coiffures there's brushed-up look from the hair line, the crown of the head is kept flat and curls surmount all. Hair requires to be of a consistent length to dress it to this style, and curls are invisibly pinned to keep them in place.

Good for revealing a pretty neck and well-shaped ears.

**THERE** seems no end to the variety of ways in which hats can be worn. A perky new sailor model I saw had a veil gathered in a cloud round the band which held the hat to the head at the back.

Another early straw had a narrow pale blue veil right over the crown, the ends tied under the chin.

The new idea of "scrap-album" ornamentation of dresses to be taken seriously?

First an evening dress carrying photographs of film stars round the wide hem, then a belt on a dress with bag to match made of shiny Victorian postcard mounted on suede and patent leather have been seen recently in London dress shows.

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# Hawaii To Become Gibraltar of Pacific: 20-Year Plan Adopted

## Navy Completes Food Plan

### CONVOY SYSTEM AN INTEGRAL PART

(By HECTOR C. BYWATER)

It is understood that the Royal Navy has now completed plans for the maintenance of food and other essential supplies in war time. These plans are regarded as being adequate for every contingency.

For the past two years the problem has engaged the attention of the Plans Division of the Admiralty.

Normally this Division is administered by a Director, a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director, but in recent months three further Assistant Directors have been appointed.

Twelve other Naval and Marine officers are on the permanent staff, while certain additional officers have been attached to the Division for special duty.

#### WAR EXPERT RECALLED

Among the latter is Paymaster Rear-Adm. Sir Eldon Manley, who was largely responsible for the organisation of the convoy system in 1917. Sir Eldon was recalled from retirement more than a year ago.

Until recently the Admiralty was opposed to the adoption of the convoy system immediately war broke out owing to the serious delays in traffic which are inseparable from this system.

Instead they proposed to divert merchant shipping from the ordinary routes in the hope of fooling enemy raiders.

It is believed, however, that this policy has since been somewhat modified, thanks in part to the larger number of cruisers, destroyers and anti-submarine vessels which will soon be available.

That oil tankers and ships with particularly valuable cargoes will be convoyed from the first is regarded as probable.

#### GUNS FOR MERCHANTMEN

Defence against enemy aircraft at sea will be provided by escort vessels of the new Blenheim class, armed entirely with high-angle 4-inch guns, and by old cruisers rearmed with 10 to 12 of these weapons.

Further, all merchant ships above a certain tonnage will be armed with heavy quick-firing guns, machine-guns and paravanes.

Instruction in the use of this defensive equipment has already been given to many hundreds of merchant navy officers, and it is estimated that in the near future the greater part of the officer personnel of the merchant navy will have received such training.

## SONJA HENIE IN THE SUN



SONJA HENIE, queen of the ice, courts the sun at the Roney Plaza Cabana Club, Miami, while waiting for engineers to complete an artificial ice rink in the Orange Bowl, for her ice revue.

## "HONOUR-SLAYING" NOT MURDER

Los Angeles.

MANY noted film stars heard a Los Angeles jury to-day return a verdict of manslaughter in the "honour-slaying" murder trial, which had lasted four weeks.

Paul Wright, 38-years-old head of the Los Angeles Airport, was accused of shooting his wife, Evelyn, and his best friend, John Kimmel.

The prosecution demanded that Wright should be found guilty of "murder in some degree." The jury's verdict, of manslaughter on two counts, returned after three hours, carries a sentence of from one to ten years' imprisonment on each count.

Wright was alleged to have shot and killed his wife and friend when he found them embracing in his apartment.

His lawyers pleaded temporary insanity, due to shock in the war, and the "unwritten law."

#### CO-EDS SPEAK ONLY FRENCH

Los Angeles.

At the Maison Francaise, a girls' dormitory on the campus of the University of California here, the 20 inmates speak only French.

## ULTRA-MODERN EQUIPMENT FOR AMERICAN BASE

By Wendell Burch

United Press Staff Correspondent

Honolulu, Mar. 15.

The United States army and navy are rapidly completing a twenty-year programme designed to make Hawaii "the Gibraltar of the Pacific."

Assignment of new ultra-modern fighting aircraft and naval forces to the islands combined with record breaking military appropriations which totalled \$33,000,000 last year indicate that Hawaii is scheduled to become a compact insular arsenal.

At present, authorities are concentrating on air defence. The navy's recent mass flight of twenty planes from San Diego to Honolulu was regarded as a significant test of aerial defence co-operation between Hawaii and the mainland.

Army plans envisage maintenance of 250 planes here. Of these 225 are expected to be provided by the end of 1938. Recently 18 new bombers arrived from California, bringing the total to 42 to date. Twenty-four bombers are expected to arrive before next winter, many of which will replace obsolete types.

Meanwhile, the army's thirty-first bombing squadron comprised of thirteen planes, and additional air forces are scheduled for transfer here.

New airport and fighting base projects under construction include the army's \$18,000,000 Hickham Field. The airport expected to be completed by 1940. Typical of last year's projects was the development of an underground storage munitions depot costing \$1,580,000.

Major General Andrew Moses, Army Commandant, reported the army spent a total of \$20,840,000 in Hawaii last year while Rear Admiral Oring Murfin reported the navy spent nearly \$4,000,000 during the same period in district improvements, hence naval expenses including the pay-roll last year totalled \$13,000,000. — United Press.

#### WORLD AMITY ADVANCED

Berkeley, Cal.

Two hundred greetings in nine different languages were sent to students throughout the world at the end of 1937, according to E. F. Lovett, president of the American Fellowship.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### FRONTIER FIGHTING IN INDIA

New Delhi.

A raid by a gang of 50 tribesmen, at Spinwam, near Miral, in North Waziristan, is significant because a poorly-made field-gun, of tribal manufacture, belonging to the Fakir of Ipi, was used. It is evidence of the venomous anti-Government propaganda on which this turbulent leader of the frontier is still engaged.

Those of the tribes who were engaged in the hostilities of last autumn are now mostly according to custom, grazing their farm stock or working as labourers in the settled districts of the plains.

There are still half a dozen of the Fakir's gang as leaders in the hills. With the agitation continuing—as shown by this recent action—the next critical period will be when the semi-nomadic tribesmen return from the plains in the spring to summer in hills, when—in border language—the new shooting season begins.

Nizam and Federation.—There is considerable disappointment in some quarters at the continued reticence of the Nizam of Hyderabad on the subject of federation. It was believed that he would signify his support in his speech at the State banquet to the Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, who is now paying his first official visit to Hyderabad State. The Nizam, however, carefully evaded the point, except to repeat his former vague promise to submit the question to his subjects.

The Aga Khan's Mother.—The Lady Ali Shah, mother of the Aga Khan, has completely recovered from the illness that brought her son to India on Nov. 24. She is leaving for Arabia. The Aga Khan leaves tomorrow for a tour of the Punjab.

Abolition of Titles.—The United Provinces Assembly to-day unanimously passed a resolution "to convey to the authorities concerned the considered opinion of the House that the practice of conferring titles and decorations in India should be abolished." A similar resolution was passed by the Bombay Assembly on Tuesday.—Reuter.

British Officer's Death.—Capt. A. M. Best, of the Political Department of the Government of India, died at Peshawar to-day from injuries received in a riding accident. Capt. Best was acting as city magistrate of Peshawar.—Reuter.

#### East Africa

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST RINDERPEST

Nairobi.

A conference of African veterinary officers, representing the Union, Portuguese East Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, the Belgian Congo, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda, has recommended an immediate campaign co-operatively carried out, to exterminate the virulent cattle plague, rinderpest.

Mr. Cherry Kearton's Escape.—Mr. Cherry Kearton, the well-known naturalist, and Mrs. Cherry Kearton, who are now in Kenya, have had an unpleasant experience in a narrow gorge near Lake Naivasha named Hell's Gate. They were caught in raging grass fires, and were only saved by a sudden drop of the wind, which enabled them to fight their way through the flames.

#### U.S. MINTS FOREIGN COINS

Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia Mint makes pesos for Cuba, bolivars for Venezuela, lampas and centavos for Honduras and Nicaragua, and centavos for Panama. They totalled 320,350,000 coins last year.



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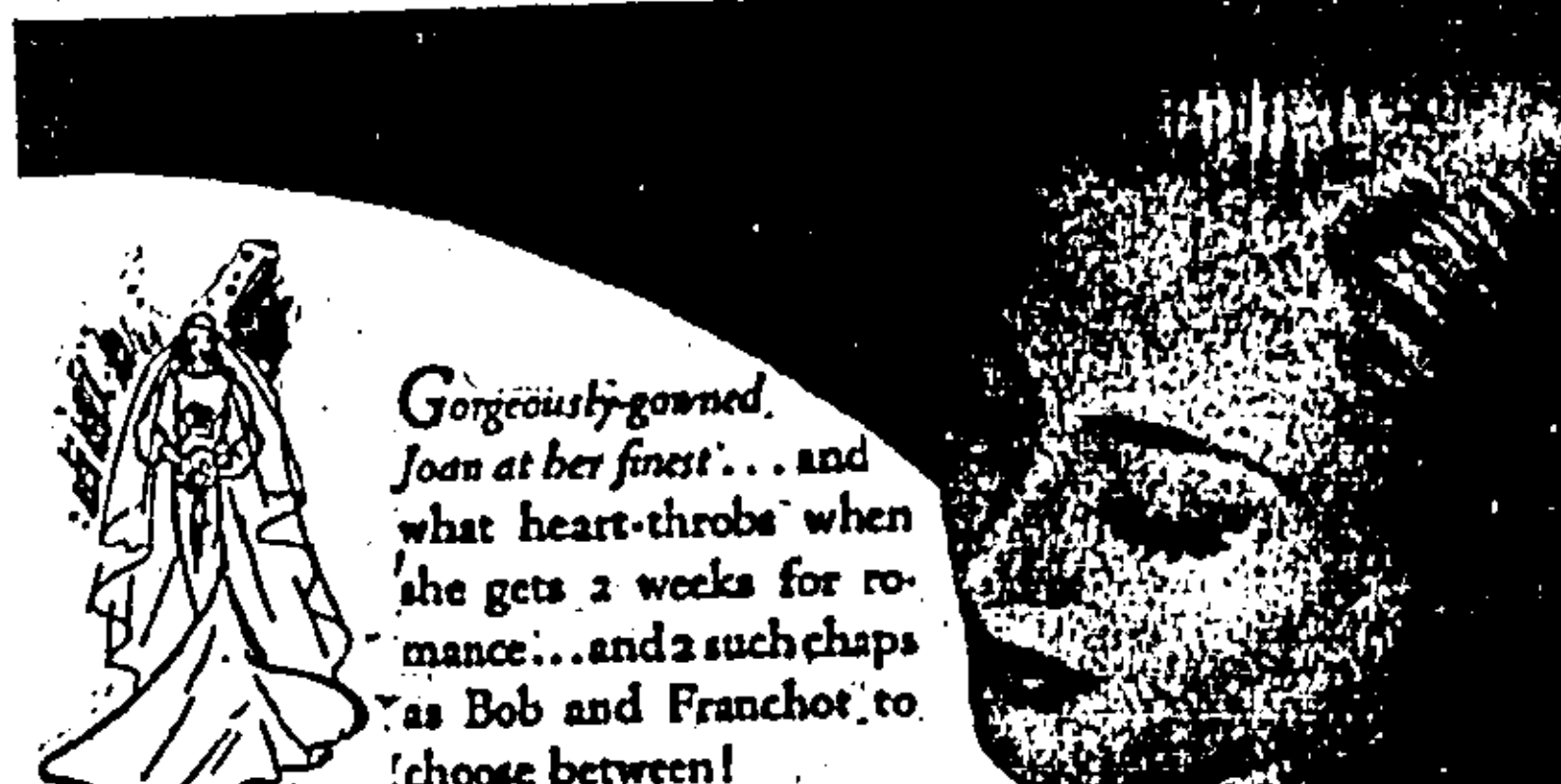
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## DEBUTANTES SHOW WHAT STYLES WOULD BE LIKE If Japanese Boycott Is Enforced

By Gerry Roblehaud  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Washington, Mar. 15.  
Cotton-hosted debutantes wearing the latest Paris creations recently gave Washingtonians a preview peek at the boycott belle of 1938—or what the smart woman will look like if she stops buying clothes made of Japanese silk.

Labelled a "fashion show" but in reality a development of a spreading boycott against Japanese goods, the affair, sponsored by the Washington League of Women Shoppers, was held at the home of former Governor and Mrs. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

It was designed to prove that the industrious silk worm can do no better than the American sheep which gives wool, the South which produces cotton, or the trees that yield cellulose for northern mills to weave into rayon.

And for those sighing males who fear that the day of the sleekly clad feminine ankle may vanish like the mustache cup or brewery horse, sponsors of the proposed boycott would give you assurance that such is not the case, because:

1. Rayon is stylish too.
2. You might learn to look to higher things.
3. Stockings don't make the woman, or vice versa.

A boy of beautiful models, chosen from the ranks of Washington's social register, paraded the wool and cotton dainties, from office apparel to slinky evening gowns in the fashionable Pinchot drawing room—males invited. Tickets were sold at the door.

Lee Simonson, scenic designer and Theatre Guild director, acted as commentator on the show, which was titled "Life Without Silk."

An informal United Press poll of the man on the street regarding the advantages of wool over silk brought the following results:

- A newb— "I don't like silk; I ain't no sissy."  
A taxi driver— "Ya mean no more silk stockings? Gee!"  
A state department official— "No comment."  
A (female) elevator operator— "Wool undies? Phooie."  
A senator— "Now, I can remember."  
An optimist— "It's better than a boycott on silvage. Then the ladies would be wearing horn-rimmed spectacles."—United Press.

## CHILD'S LOST EYE BRINGS NEW SIGHT TO GIRL

By a delicate operation the cornea of a child's eye, which had been removed after being pierced by the stalk of a flower, has been the means of restoring the sight of a young Bath florist's assistant.

Ann West, aged 8, of Alexandru Road, Frome, had the eye removed by Dr. T. H. Tizzard, ophthalmic surgeon at the Bath Eye Infirmary, after several unsuccessful operations.

Later the cornea was grafted on to the eye of Miss Alloway, of Fairfield Park, Bath.

Miss Alloway had been partially blind for two years and completely blind for 14 weeks.

After receiving treatment at Bath Infirmary she found she could see slightly.

"I can now see as well with my left eye as I could before I went blind," Miss Alloway said.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### UNION WATERBOAT CO., LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, on Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1937.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 23rd March to 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

**DODWELL & CO., LTD.,**  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

### GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-Ninth Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, the 12th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 1st APRIL, 1938, to TUESDAY, the 12th APRIL, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
**T. C. T. BECK,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 3rd March, 1938.

### DANCER PICKS UP HER 'G'

Bradford.  
Women raced to kiss Miss Winifred Grace Wilson—the chorus girl who was awarded £1,000 breach of promise damages against Dr. Eric Redgewell Dancie in the High Court—when she arrived here recently.

That was only the beginning of a night of triumph and congratulations. A little later she was introduced across the footlights of the Alhambra Theatre by Mr. Francis Laidler, producer, to the audience of "Babes in the Wood" pantomime. Then followed a party behind the scenes at which she was toasted in champagne.

Miss Wilson did not appear in the opening scenes of the pantomime, but was waiting in the wings when Mr. Laidler walked on the stage and announced her.

"THAT IS MY 'G'"  
Clad in a white bullet frock, Miss Wilson said: "I want to say 'Thank you' to all my friends of the company, to Mr. Laidler, and to all the members of the public who have been so kind to me. I have had some difficult weeks, but now I am going to forget it."

At the end of her speech she bent down and pretended to pick something up from the stage. "That is my 'g,'" she said laughing, referring to a suggestion at the court hearing that she dropped her 'g'.

After the show, in which she danced and sang with other chorus girls, there was a party on the stage among the pantomime scenery.

Women ran to kiss the blonde-haired dancer as she walked through crowds from the station after travelling from London earlier in the day. Members of the pantomime company waved streamers with "Welcome Winnie" on them.

"I hope this case will make no difference to my stage ambitions," she told me, says a correspondent of the London Daily Mail.

"I have not yet received any of the damages awarded. The matter is in the hands of my solicitor, so you can see that I just have to continue my work."

"I had to do usher work in a cinema to raise money for the case, and work is just as necessary for me recently."

"I have received letters from clergymen—and even one from a nun. They are all sympathetic and have helped me a great deal."

### WOULD-BE WIVES MOB CULBERTSON

Ely Culbertson, King of Bridge, is besieged by women wanting to marry him.

Since his divorce several months ago he has been surrounded by "an army of would-be brides."

"Now that I'm a bachelor," he told Reuters on his return to New York from a European trip, "I don't get a minute's peace."

"I have been pestered with proposals of marriage from an army of women varying in age from 16 to 70. They ranged from a chambermaid to a duchess."

Mr. Culbertson said that following divorce he hoped to find some solitude in which to devote himself to writing bridge books.

"But there is no escaping his army of admirers, Mr. Culbertson complains."

### THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

#### NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong), on Wednesday, the 6th day of April, 1938, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1937, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, the 18th March, 1938, to Wednesday, the 6th April, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**F. C. BARRY,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1938.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

#### Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 13th APRIL, 1938, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1937, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 26th MARCH to 13th APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
**A. W. HUGHES,**  
General Manager.  
Hongkong, 14th March, 1938.

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### YESTERDAY'S CABLED QUOTATIONS

London, Apr. 4.		Apr. 1. Apr. 4.	
War Loan, 3½% (Red.)	101 11/16	101 15/16	101 15/16
China-Kowloon Ry. 5%	7 7/8	7 7/8	7 7/8
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1925 (British Issue)	74 7/8	74 7/8	74 7/8
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	71 7/8	71 7/8	71 7/8
Chinese 4½% Anglo-Persian Oil Co. Loan, 1908	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Chinese 5% Sterling Notes, 1924 (Victoria)	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Chinese Imperial Ry. 5%	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Loan, 1908	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Hukuang Ry. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	25 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Lung Tai & U. Ry. 5%, 1913	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Shanghai-Nanking Ry. 5%	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (German Stpd.)	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supt. Loan)	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Tientsin-Pukow Ry. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supt. Loan)	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Japan 5% Sterling Loan, 1907	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Form. 5% Sterling Loan, 1924	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
German 7½% International Loan, 1924	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Chartered Bank of I.A. & C.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
I.L.C. & S. Banking Corp. (Ldn. Reg.)	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
I.L.C. & S. Banking Corp. (Cal. Reg.)	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2
Chinese Engineering & Mining (beaver)	13 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Chosen Coal Reg.	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Peking Syndicate	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2
Shai Elec. & Construction Co.	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
Shai Waterworks Co. "A"	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Union Insurance Society of Canton	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Allied Ironfounders	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Assoc. & Elec. Industries	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Austin Motors, ord.	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
British-American Tobacco (beaver)	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2
Cannell Land, ord.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Mexican Eagle	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2
Courtauld	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Dunlop Rubber	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
General Elec. (England)	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	112 1/2	112 1/2	112 1/2
Hawker Siddeley Aircraft	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Imperial Chemical Indus	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Imperial Tobacco	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
Marks & Spencer "A"	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Balls Bridge	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
Leyland Motors	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Tate & Lyle	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Turner & Newall	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
United Steel	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Smeltwick Drop Forge	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
Armstrong Siddeley	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Pressed Steel, ord.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Vickers, ord.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Woolworths	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Anglo-Dutch	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Rubber Plantation Invest.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Burma Corporation	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Commonwealth Mining	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
Marsden Investments	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Randfontein Estates	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Exploration Co. 200	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Sub-Mit	18 1/2	18 1/2	18 1/2
Tanang Gold Mining	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Anglo-Iranian	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Burnham	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Shell Trans. & Trad. (beaver)	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2

## U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

### LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Opening	Closing	Opening	Closing
May	8.58/57	11.50/4	11.22/2
July	8.65/66	11.46/32	11.38/40
October	8.72/72	11.06/60	11.51/54
December	8.74/74	11.00/81	11.72/74
Jan. (1939)	8.76/76	11.00/81	11.72/74
Mar. (1939)	8.80/80	11.00/81	11.72/74
Spot	8.63		

The First Notice Day for May Cotton is April 20.

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	84 1/2	61 1/2	59 1/2
July	80 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2
Sept.	80 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2

Saturday's Sales: 18,855,000 bushels.

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	84 1/2	61 1/2	59 1/2
July	80 1/2	62 1/2	61 1/2
Sept.	80 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2

Winipeg Wheat

Winipeg Wheat		Winipeg Corn	
May	120 1/2	110 1/2	119 1/2
July	108 1/2	107 1/2	108 1/2
Oct.	108 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2

## EXCHANGE RATES

Shanghai	1 1/2	1 1/2
New York	4.00 1/2	4.00 1/2
Vienna	20 1/2	20 1/2
Amsterdam	8.00 1/2	8.00 1/2
Prague	142 1/2	142 1/2
Madrid	Nom.	Nom.
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	12 1/2	12 1/2
Bombay	1 0/8	1 0/8
Moscow	5.00	4.00 1/2
Brussels	20.42 1/2	20.48 1/2
Yokohama	1/2	1
Belgrade	217	2
Bucharest	677 1/2	677 1/2
Montevideo	20 1/2	18 1/2
Rio de Janeiro	21 1/2	18 1/2
Silver (Spot)	19	19
Silver (Forward)	18 1/2	18 1/2
War Loan	10 1/2	10 1/2



## M. BLUM FACING DEFEAT

Finance Problems Cause Trouble

Paris, April 3. Parliamentary observers state that, from an unofficial poll in the Chamber and Senate M. Leon Blum, the Prime Minister, faces almost certain overthrow this week, owing to his demands for emergency powers to cope with the financial crisis.

It is said that only "a change of heart" on the part of M. Joseph Caillaux, President of the Senate's Financial Committee and "Czar" of the Senate, stronghold of the conservatism, will give the Government even a fighting chance of survival. It is increasingly evident that the overthrow will not be based on a showdown on M. Blum's financial measures but purely on the determination of reactionary senators to shatter the Popular Front once and for all.—United Press.

### BILL INTRODUCED

Paris, April 4. M. Leon Blum, French Premier, presented a new bill dealing with France's financial problems, which was approved by the Cabinet this morning. The bill is composed of two short active clauses. These provide the Government with limited powers to rule by decree on certain aspects of finance and national economy. Secondly, the bill fixes the date by which all decrees must be ratified. The bill devotes itself partly to reasons why the Government is asking for these powers, arguing that they are necessary if the Government is to bear financial burdens anticipated, especially under the head of re-armament.—Reuter's Bulletin.

### CABINET APPROVAL

The Cabinet has approved bills asking for emergency powers to revalue the Bank of France gold reserves and francs at present parity, centralise all foreign exchange transactions of the Bank of France, suspend the biennial sinking fund operations of the National Debt, levy a super-tax on industrial profits arising from national defence requirements, issue short term baby bonds, and effect a wider extension of supervision of the Bank of France and also effect a reduction in interest.

The portion of the bill dealing with capital asks for power to impose an "extraordinary capital tax with minimum exemption, a moderate graduated rate beginning at four per cent, and provision for payment in one, four or 10 years according to the taxpayers' choice." It asks for emergency powers until July 1 and stipulates that the Cabinet might renege on the permanent expenditure of the Cabinet.—United Press.

## Ambassador At Hankow

Hankow, Apr. 4. Shortly before 5 p.m. today Sir Archibald Lord Kerr, British Ambassador to China, Lady Kerr and party arrived at Wuchang station after an uneventful journey from Canton which they left at 6.15 p.m. two days ago. The time for the trip was exceptionally good as the regular passenger trains take from two and a half to three days to cover the distance.

The Ambassador and his party looked bright and cheerful as they emerged from the train. They were greeted at the station by Mr. G. S. Moss, British Consul-General at Hankow, Rear-Admiral Reginald Holt, Commander-in-Chief on the Yangtze, and Mr. Douglas Mackillop, Counselor to the British Embassy. At 4.45 p.m. the entire party left in a special launch and arrived in Hankow where they proceeded to the Consulate-General.

Sir Archibald and Lady Kerr will spend four days as guests of the Consul-General.

The Ambassador will be making calls on various Chinese officials, while the local British Chamber of Commerce and other organisations will entertain him with banquets and numerous other functions.

The party expects to proceed to Chungking by air on Saturday. The Ambassador will present his credentials to Mr. Lin Sen on April 11 or 12. Mr. C. E. Whitmore, British Consul at Hankow, will accompany the Ambassador to Chungking in the capacity of Chinese Counselor temporarily attached to the Embassy staff.—Reuter.

## Lost Pilot's Helmet Only Clue To Fate

Honolulu, Apr. 4. The Naval authorities have revealed that the pilot's helmet found near Kaneohe, Oahu, has now been definitely identified as belonging to Bingham, who was aboard the missing VP-18 plane.

The left lens of the goggles was broken and there was a large hole in the helmet, the forehead of which had been burnt, partially destroying Bingham's name. The authorities immediately commenced an intensive search of the area.—United Press.

The VP-18, a United States naval patrol bomber, crashed off the island of Oahu on March 30. Five of the crew of seven are missing, including Bingham.

# "All Right, I'm The Worst Woman In The World" MISUNDERSTOOD LONDON GIRL TELLS HER STORY

By KEITH BRIANT

A woman stood in the witness-box at the Old Bailey last week and cried, "All right... I'm the worst woman in the world. What does it matter?"

She was Mrs. Dorothy Tunstall, who was giving evidence against her husband, charged with stealing money and articles belonging to her and to Mr. Harry Mayo, a stock-jobber.

Yesterday Mrs. Tunstall talked to me... told me the tragic truth behind that outburst.

For Mrs. Tunstall is one of the most honest women I have ever met...

"Fate has been unkind to me," she said.

"I was obliged to divorce my first two husbands—and I had to help support John R. Tunstall."

"Then I fell in love with Mr. Mayo, and left my husband."

"I am the most misunderstood woman in the world... I had to prosecute my husband."

Mr. Mayo had declared that he hoped to marry her, but when Mrs. Tunstall was asked in court if she wanted to marry Mr. Mayo she answered "No."

With an expression of sadness in her green eyes, Mrs. Tunstall yesterday sat back in her armchair at her home at St. John's Wood and told me in her soft voice why she had said "No."

### SHE WAS AFRAID

"You said that you didn't terribly want to get married again," I reminded her. "Have you lost your faith in marriage?"

"No," she replied. Her voice was quiet, even.

"Don't you love Mr. Mayo?"

"Yes," was the answer.

"Then why did you say in court that you didn't want to marry him?"

She hesitated... and then spoke slowly.

"Because I was frightened that if I did he would feel in honour bound to marry me... and after all this hateful publicity and misrepresentation I thought he might not want to."

There was a long pause.

"You knew that he wanted to marry you... and yet you answered that?" I asked.

"Yes... I know that marriage can be happy, but so far I've been unlucky... that's all."

"I will tell you the true story behind this case," she said. "So many lies have been told about me that, although I have refused to do so for years, I am going to make a statement now."

"Since all this publicity has been upon me, everything I have ever done in my life seems to have been twisted and distorted."

### COURT ORDEAL

"I know I made some foolish remarks in court. But when you've been in the box for three hours under cross-examination you'd say anything to get peace. And my nerves have been on edge for months. A lot of nonsense has been talked about my work at the Cafe de Paris as a hostess. The job was interesting and enjoyable. One met all sorts of well-known people."

"My earnings averaged about £15 a week and not the £1,500 a year that was suggested. My daughter cost me £5 a week."

"I want peace—peace and the opportunity to try and find life the happiness that I have so far been denied."

"This last week has been a nightmare... it was a cruel joke of Fate to force an ordeal like this on me."

She leaned back in her chair. Her beautiful face was worn, and she looked at me with infinite sadness.

This woman, who in the witness-box at the Old Bailey had called herself "The worst woman in the world."

## Girl Stowaway To Wed Mate

Boulogne. A girl stowaway who had been sailing round the coast of England for the past few weeks in a Dutch vessel was allowed to land at Boulogne to-day to facilitate her speedy marriage with the ship's mate.

The Boulogne authorities received a wireless message last night from Portland saying that the Dutch tramp steamer Fredania, 277 tons, was about to call with the stowaway, Mlle. Irma Drieskens, a Belgian aged 21. M. Lamarro, the special police superintendent at Boulogne, went aboard as soon as the Fredania arrived this morning.

The master, M. Lamain, told him that his mate, M. Dewitte, had met Mlle. Drieskens when on leave in Brussels a few weeks ago and had stowed her on board. The rest of the crew knew of the woman's presence but he discovered her only a few days ago.

After the Boulogne authorities had satisfied themselves that the identity papers of the couple were in order they allowed them to land. Dewitte and Mlle. Drieskens took the first train to Brussels, where they are to marry.

## TEXAS WANTS TO SECEDE

McAllen, Tex.

Four counties in the Rio Grande Valley a committee at work on the proposition of seceding from Texas and giving the nation a 49th state; the United States flag a new star for the spangle.

The committee was organized, with P. E. Montgomery, a magazine publisher as president, and was seriously at work, with high plans but remote prospects.

The Rio Grande city attorney, L. R. Brooke, was vice-president. A former district judge, C. E. Thompson, was secretary.

The matter already had come to the attention of the legislature in Austin, and Geo. James V. Alfred was moved to comment that he did not believe the people of the four counties would want to secede after they studied the matter more seriously.

The counties involved are Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, and Starr. Their area is 4,317 square miles; population 175,000. The committee discussed making the proposed new state a happy one where divorces could be had in 30 days for \$100 fees; and horse and dog race tracks, forbidden in Texas, could flourish.

### STATE TOO LARGE

The pros and cons of the situation were: Under the treaty by which Texas was annexed to the Union, it was provided that because of its size, Texas could be divided into as many as five states at some later time. On the other hand, the federal constitution provides that no new state may be formed out of the territory of another state, without the consent of the legislature of the state affected.

Gov. Alfred said he did not think the legislature would permit the four counties to secede without submitting the question to the voters of the state. He did not think the whole electorate would approve the idea.

In the four counties, some old timers said it looked like "a wild-haired stunt to get some publicity for the valley," others took the matter seriously and believed that if the campaign were waged long and loud enough, it might win.

The committee had not reached the point of selecting a name or a capital for the proposed new state, but had considered its government. A unicameral legislature was suggested, of not less than nine or more than 21 members, who would serve four years and be ineligible for reelection.

### HERE'S THE CATCH

The four counties could send two senators to Washington.

The secessionists also suggested that the four counties should transfer all their present financial obligations from Texas to their new state. They said they could finance their new government without ad valorem taxes because of their schemes for other revenue.

Such a secession would take from Texas the area bounded on the south by the Mexican border, on the east by the Gulf of Mexico; on the north by the vast King Ranch which comprises Kennedy County and on the west by more of Texas. The area is famed for agriculture, fishing, oil and warm climate.

It would be a larger state than Rhode Island or Delaware; smallest of any state in population, but, a spokesman said, as for prosperity, "it would be the brightest star of all."

### SHE HAS NO BLOOD

New York. Doctors are baffled by the case of 51-year-old Mrs. Esther Feuer, now in hospital to receive her fourth blood transfusion.

Her mysterious illness has left Mrs. Feuer without a drop of her own blood.

Transfusions, costing \$8 each, enable her, however, to work, eat well, and keep up her weight.

Doctors say she could not live three weeks without transfusions. They are now afraid that the supply of blood donors will become exhausted.



MISS CECILIA COLLEDGE, holder of the British and European skating championships, who protested against her world title being awarded to Miss Megan Taylor at Stockholm.

## NEW TANKS FOR ARMY BREN MACHINE-GUN FOR CARRIERS

Lulworth, Dorset. Important changes in armament have been approved for the newly-designed tanks and machine-gun carriers, says a correspondent.

During a visit to the Gunner Wing of the Armoured Fighting Vehicles School, I learned that

The air-cooled Bren light machine-gun is to replace the Vickers water-cooled machine-gun in the carriers, and that

The 3-pounder gun, which is fired from the turret of the medium tank, may be displaced by a more effective instrument.

The armour-plating, too, will offer greater resistance.

These improvements are dictated by the presence in the field of the new anti-tank gun and rifle, firing armour-piercing projectiles. Until these new weapons were produced the tank was supposed to be immune from rifle and machine-gun fire. At the moment the gun seems to have regained its former supremacy.

### RIGID MOUNTING TESTS

The primary reason for replacing the Vickers with the Bren in machine-gun carriers is to take advantage of its air-cooling system. But the gun, as used by the infantry, must be adapted for use in vehicles.

A perfectly rigid mounting is indispensable, and experiments are proceeding to that end. When this has been achieved the gun will undergo trials on the ranges. But not until a machine has been put into the service is it possible to estimate its military achievement.

The school is dealing with the most powerful and expensive weapon the soldier has to handle and everything is being done to make the machines and their equipment reliable and so reduce maintenance charges. This is, in a large measure, done by securing a high standard of efficiency among the crews.

### WIND SPOILS SMOKE SCREEN

A tactical exercise in which a section of close support tanks was employed in putting down a smoke screen was in the programme for the day. The Chief Instructor was trying out a method by which the tanks, from a signal by one of them, followed the direction given and employed smoke, presumably to screen an immediate attack.

These close support tanks have as part of their armament the 3.7in mortar for the discharge of smoke shell. Tanks demand at all times special consideration in regard to concealment, and great reliance is placed on a curtain of smoke.

White phosphorus was used, but the wind was so strong that the smoke "pillared" and rendered it ineffective. But the primary object of the exercise was section control, and in that it served a useful purpose.

## CHAMBERLAIN ASSERTS COURSE VINDICATED

(Continued from Page 1.)

alliance between France, Russia and Britain, against some other power, or group of powers. Could that be called collective security? It only showed that the Party opposite never bothered to look at the mixture inside the bottle so long as the label on the outside was right (Laughter). The proposal would divide Europe into two camps, and so far from making a contribution towards peace, would inevitably plunge Britain into war.

It might be a good plan to call a world conference to discuss political and economic appeasement, said the Premier, but he was of the opinion that discussion between individual powers was much more likely to be successful in removing the existing causes of friction.

### No Time For Election

Mr. Chamberlain said the Government had no intention of changing its policy regarding non-intervention in Spain. He asserted that no Government with an ample majority ever went to the country on such feeble opposition, adding that it was no time to disturb the country which was in the throes of an armaments programme.

The fighting qualities of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, and the arguments with which he sought to answer the Opposition points, aroused Government supporters to a high pitch of enthusiasm.—Reuter.

### Heavy Defeat Of Censure Motion

London, Apr. 4. The House of Commons defeated the Labour Party's motion of censure by 359 votes to 152.—Reuter.

## NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

## SWAN, CULBERTSON & FRITZ LATEST REPORTS

New York, Apr. 4.

S. C. & F. New York correspondent cables:

Stocks: The lack of rallying power to-day was disappointing. The immediate outlook was highly uncertain, but an early test of the recent low would not be surprising. The "Times" business index was 80.1, as against 79.3 the revised index for last week and 100.6 for the corresponding week of last year.

Cotton: Both Liverpool and Bombay are selling on diff. prices. Mill production exceeds off-take. Resistance of the May position at 8.50 was again demonstrated.

Wheat: Prices to-day anticipated bearish estimates of the crop tomorrow by the leading crop-experts of the country. Holland is increasing the import duty on all grains. Crop reports are favourable and sentiment is bearish. There has been a visible decrease in supplies of 1,700,000 bushels.

Rubber: There was a moderate amount of foreign buying, c.i.f. offerings are light and prices are about steady.

Sugar: The market is in a state of complete stagnation.

	Apr. 2	Close
Dow Jones Aver.	100.11	105.58
30 Industrials	20.46	21.24
20 Rails	10.53	10.97
20 Utilities	83.09	84.63
40 Bonds	50.14	49.37
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## CHIANG IS FOREMOST PATRIOT

London, Apr. 4.

The Times commenting on the Kuomintang's conferment of a dictatorship on Chiang Kai-shek, states: "Amid the rises and falls of factions and generals during the past 20 years, Chiang Kai-shek alone has never ceased to count. Despite the extraordinary vicissitudes of fortune, he has never ceased to be the first and foremost Chinese patriot. His powers of leadership flow from qualities essentially Chinese, supplemented by his own indomitable nature and versatile talents."

The Manchester Guardian says: "For the past 10 years the ruthless young War Lord of 1920 has developed into a statesman, who relies on political skill more than on the use of force. Chiang Kai-shek has made himself, what few dictators are, indispensable."—Reuter.

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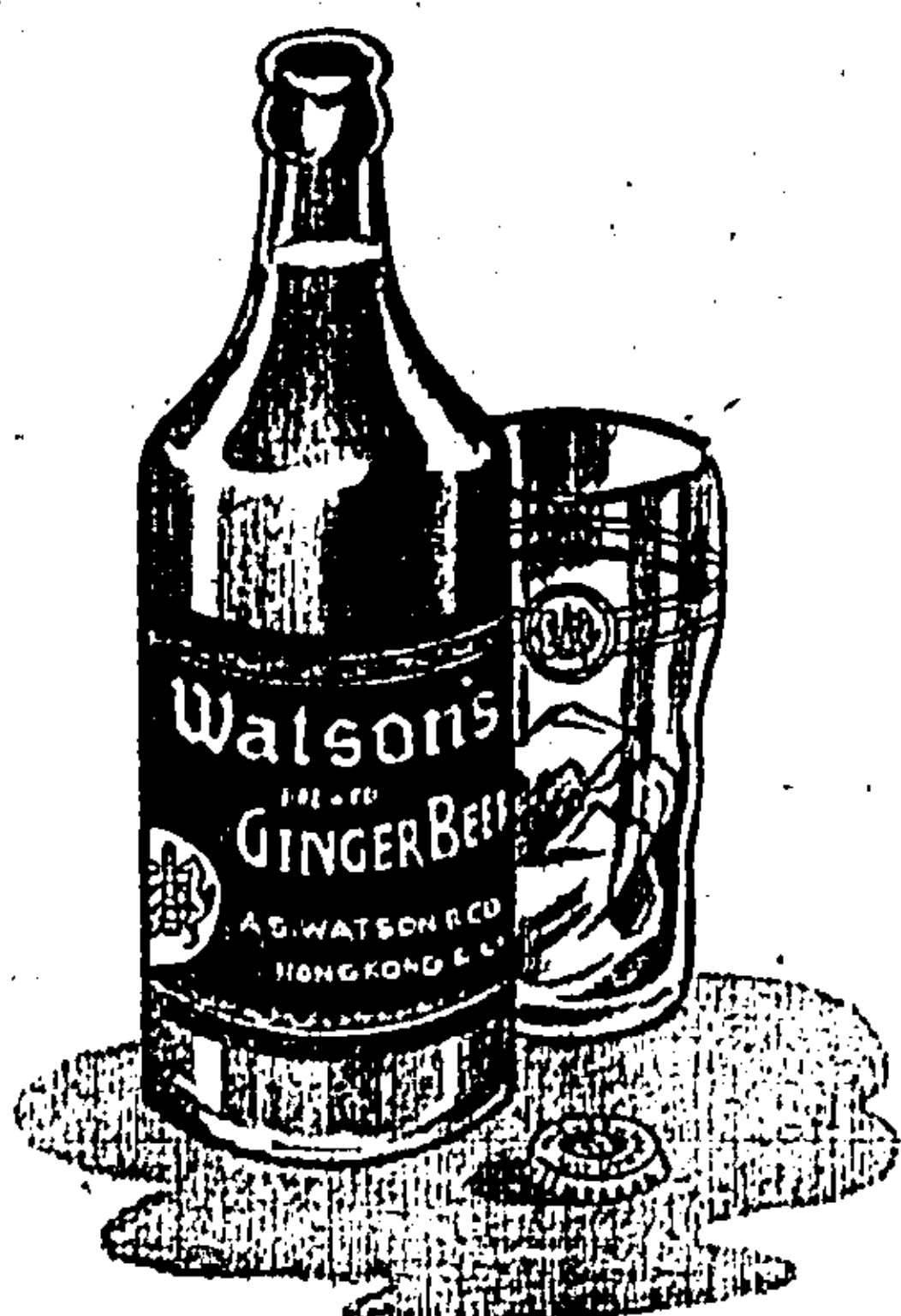
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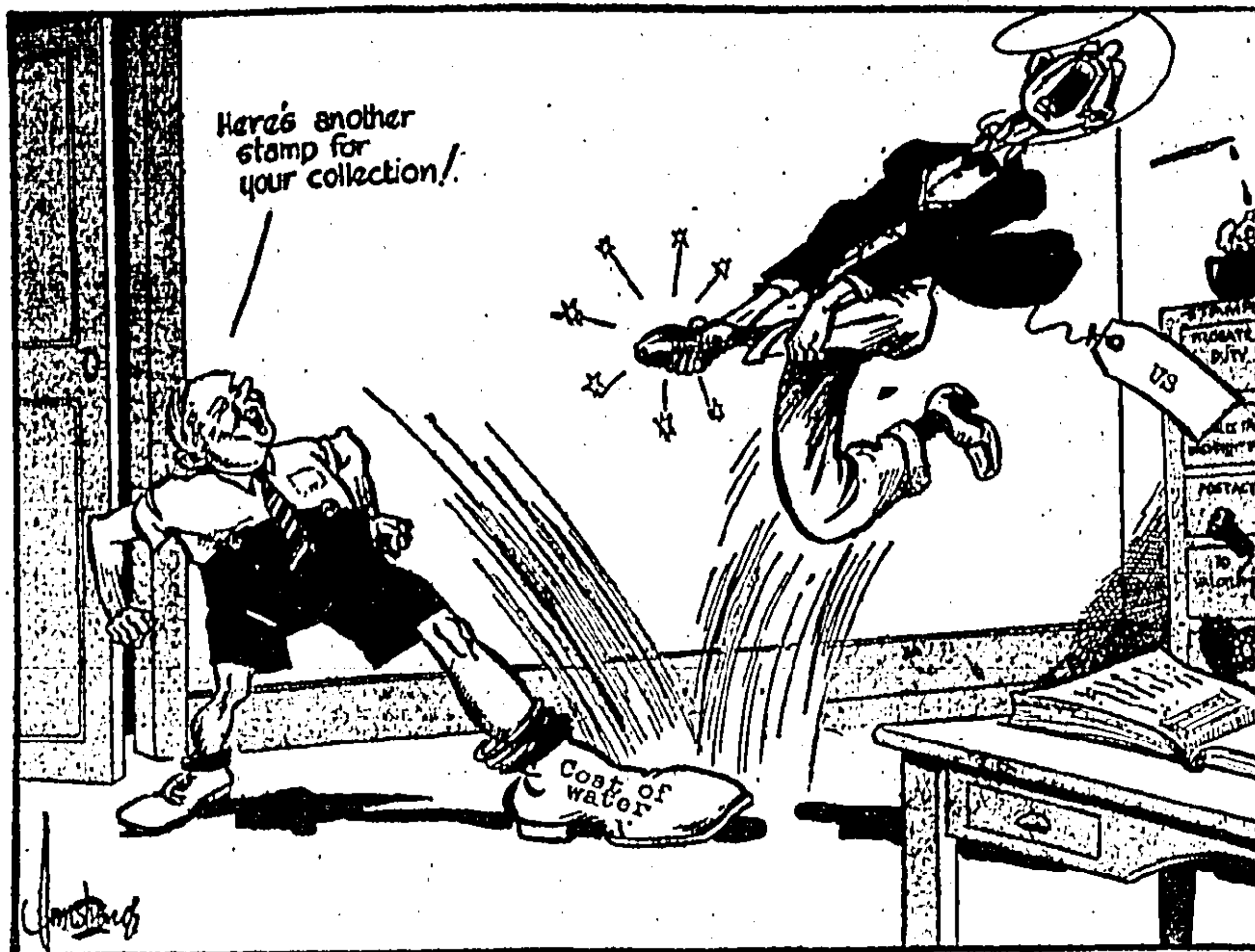
## The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1938.

### CHINA STANDS ALONE BUT NOW UNITED

The manifesto issued by the Kuomintang Congress, following its highly important and possibly fateful sessions, shows that the Chinese leaders are now fully aware of the fact that they can count upon no open and official "outside" assistance, except that which comes in the form of loans or armaments for which the Chinese Government will be expected to pay. They are facing up to this situation with a fine show of independence and the proper determination. Their decision to hitch China's fortunes to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's star of destiny is a moving piece of defiance to their powerful enemy. Abandoned by the League of Nations, unable to count upon the active assistance of any of the signatories of treaties which were to have safeguarded China from abuse by stronger neighbours, the leaders have done what self-respect demanded: they have announced their determination to continue the struggle no matter what the cost. For by elevating Chiang Kai-shek to the position of dictator they have shown that they approve of his doctrine of resistance, his uncompromising decision to meet force with force and to exact from Japan as great a price as possible for every yard of Chinese soil seized by the invading armies.

There is no longer any question about the unity of China. What the princes and governments of past centuries failed to accomplish, an invasion and the ability of one man have combined to achieve. Marshal Chiang is the individual about which this union centres. He is the symbol of the new nation, personifying the ambition, self-discipline and integrity which are the attributes of any successful people. He is such a man as Sun Yat-sen, and his name alone will be sufficient to rally the Chinese people in the defence of desperate causes in years to come. Foreign nations are inclined to doubt the truth of the claim that China has become unified, and perhaps with some justice argue that it is the pressure from without rather than any force from within which has brought about this cohesion. Let that pass for the time-being. It is enough that there is cohesion. When an audience of Hongkong Chinese jumps to its feet as one



—Apologies to Armstrong in Melbourne Argus.

### ANOTHER STAMP FOR THE PUBLIC Hongkong's New Postage Stamps Will Be on Sale To-day.

## Monarchs In Exile

MONARCHS in exile were scarce before the World War.

Hospitable and secure England had given shelter to the only two: Napoleon III, who with the Empress Eugenie sought peace and forgetfulness in the old seclusion of Chislehurst, after the disastrous ending of the Franco-Prussian War; and Manoel of Portugal, who with his mother the Dowager Queen Amelie, escaped in the nick of time from the fury of a fierce Lisbon revolution to end his days at quiet Twickenham on the Thames.

But after Armageddon came the crowns began to roll over the streets of Europe's capitals and its reverberations were felt unto far lands and distant dynasties.

### The Squire Of Doorn

The most spectacular of the world's monarchs, Kaiser Wilhelm II, opened the galaxy, flying, one day before the Armistice, from Spa General Headquarters to nearby neutral Holland.

Though the octogenarian has now given up wood-cutting as too strenuous an exercise, he still tends his rose-gardens and goes for brisk walks with the children of his second wife, the German Princess Hermine. Realising that Hitler does not dream of recalling him, he has, mentally still very alert, settled down at Doorn to his old hobby of Egyptology and his own regular Sunday sermon.

His eldest grandson lost the imperial favour by marrying Dorothy de Salviati, a beautiful student from his Bonner University and since happy-go-lucky Prince Auwi joined the Nazi movement the doors of the paternal home in Holland have been closed to him. But it was harder for the dignified Emperor Rex to see his only sister married—although subsequently divorced—to a derelict Russian.

man when the Marshal's picture is flashed on the screen of a theatre and ecstatically applauds each little gesture of this leader: when children in the darkened pit take up the song of soldiers of the Republic in their pathetic treble voices as the troops march across the screen; when old and sworn enemies of the now "dictator" take up arms in his defence, these are surely convincing evidence of the existence of a national spirit which even defeat cannot subdue. And finally there is the spectacle of the Kuomintang thrusting upon the Marshal greater power than any Government of the republic ever possessed. They know the consequences; for if they follow Marshal Chiang there will be no surrender. That is why they have put their trust in him, no doubt.

By  
Kees Van Hoek  
Balkan Poker-Player

sian waiter, Zoubkoff, a sensation for the press such as no Hohenzollern had ever before supplied.

### Travelling Alfonso

From Vienna headquarters Alfonso, once His Most Catholic Majesty of Spain, travels through Europe with all the alertness of a businessman, along trails as crazy as a tourist's.

In the new permanent residence which Queen Victoria Eugenie has just furnished in the Royal Borough of Kensington, his life-size portrait still occupies the place of honour, though they only met once in recent years, keeping vigil at the bedside of their daughter Princess Torlonia in Rome.

She forgave her first-born his morganatic marriage with a Cuban beauty, his divorce and already founded remarriage with a dentist's daughter, his half-hearted attempts at motor salesmanship and his more successful career as a night-club habitue. Another son, Don Gonzalez, died from the results of a motoring accident in Ceylon.

Don Jaime, the healthiest and most intelligent of the Spanish royal children—once a midshipman in the British Navy—is the only hope for the restoration of the ancient throne of Aragon and Castille and of Franco, who recently declared the Prince's life too valuable for Spain's future to be risked in fighting on the Nationalist front.

### Hapsburg Speculation

As adept at wire-pulling but less in the public eye, Zita, although only two years Empress of Austria and Queen of Hungary, has for the last 20 years been concentrating all her talents and her extensive international family ramifications on regaining either of these Crowns for her eldest son Otto.

When the Emperor Karl fled in exile in Madeira he left her with eight children which she brought up in the village of Lequeto, moving, when Spanish skies became overcast, to the safety of the Flemish Castle of Skenekerzeel.

Dark and handsome Otto passed the course of Louvain University with distinction. So far he has only been offered the freedom of numerous Austrian cities. He knows that his only chance lies in a growing conviction among Little Entente politicians that a Hapsburg in Vienna is the lesser of two evils, of which the Anschluss with Germany would undoubtedly be the worst.

### From King To Landlord

From royal guest at Buckingham Palace to bourgeois

landlord of a modern flat building in Rome is a fall which bronzed bull-necked Amanullah survived without appearing much the worse for it.

Afghanistan, least civilized of all the independent States of the world, could not stand its King's Western injections and turned him out, hardly back from an amazing European gala tour. The few literate brigand chiefs, who seemed to have been left behind by oversight, had grown jealous.

Now he and his Queen Soyrayaj—still beautiful as a Princess from the Arabian Nights, although mother of five children—look after their property. They enjoy a goodly pension too, for Il Duce considers it handy to have a presentable Asiatic Potentate, still in his early forties, about.

### Shadow Of Caliphs

In 1924 no lesser personage than the Sultan of Turkey, as Caliph of 250,000,000 Mohammedans the "Shadow of God on Earth" had to go into exile.

Kemal Ataturk gave him 600 francs and six hours to leave Constantinople. The time just sufficed to book seats on the Orient Express and the money for fares as far as Montreux. There a Swiss hotelkeeper worried for some months about the bill of his Imperial Majesty and his sixteen children, not to mention his four wives and his elaborate suite. Since his son Jah married the daughter of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Abdul Medjid thrives in peace and security at Cimiez, where, immaculately dressed from his red fez to his white spats, he writes poetry and plays the violin.

### Exotic Refugees

Small and elegant, ex-King Prajadhipok of Siam lives near Virginia Water, England's beauty spot. He refused to come back to Bangkok, so modernised that it would no longer recognise the sovereign's unrestricted rights of life and death over all his subjects.

His 12-year-old nephew Ananda Mahidol, born at Heidelberg and now being educated at a Swiss boarding school, has already been proclaimed Defender of the Buddhist Faith and constitutional King of ancient Siam.

Fresh in our memory is the tragic figure of sad-looking dark-cloaked Haile Selassie, until the Italian invasion King of Kings and Emperor of Ethiopia. After six months of war he fled by train, taking his pet dog and £30,000 in cash, with which he had enormous debts to pay in Europe munitions and the upkeep of his legations in London, Paris and Geneva. Though living modestly at Bath—his daughter a nurse in a London hospital and his young son, the Duke of Harrar, at a preparatory school in the South of England—he has had already to sell his jewels and plate at a London auction.

### THE VERY IDEA

## Searching For Uses For Water

By Eddie "Hydrophobia"

FREE water may soon be abolished.

We refuse to be excited at the prospect.

What is water?

It flows under bridges, washes necks, makes a strange beverage known as tea, has its use for shaving purposes, etcetra, etcetra, etcetra.

Millions of germs lurk in water.

Before it can become safe for drinking purposes it must be boiled, filtered, chlorinated, and bacteriologically tested.

After all this it should be poured down the sink, and the whisky should be taken with just a tiny dash of soda or neat.

We were three months old when we first objected to water. However, we recall with some grim satisfaction that we had our revenge on the parson.

We must be fair to water, however. Our prejudice against it is not altogether cock-eyed. For instance, we recognise that water is vitally necessary to the British Navy, which would not be able to invoke the Escalator Clause if it had no water to sail upon.

Fish also seem to thrive in it, and it is a handy part of the world to be seasick in if you are travelling across it.

Oxford have even been known to win a Boat Race on water. We are not very keen on this subject.

## Terror Test for these British People

A FEARLESS band of young men and women plunge at 65 miles an hour down the steep Swiss mountain slopes behind Engelberg in the World Ski-racing Championships.

Never were women subjected to such a stiff sports test as that which Miss Birnie Duthie, Miss Eileen de Cosson, Miss Helen Blane, and Miss Philippa Harrison faced recently on behalf of Great Britain.

All the winter they, and eight other girls, trained for the events. Two of the most brilliant of eight were "crocked"—Miss Isobel Roe, who won the trials at Murren and subsequently broke her ankle, and Miss Helen Palmer-Tomkinson, who has broken a leg. Such accidents are common in crack ski-ing, and are taken as a matter of course.

### Too Old at 23

MISS Helen Blane, for instance, who has "made" the British team, had to have a serious operation on her knee after a crash in 1936. Yet the next year, undeterred, she was back in the British side, and put up the pluckiest performance.

T. Cholmondeley-Tapper, the British second string in the men's events this year, is another case in point. Last year he crashed heavily, receiving concussion and breaking his nose. Yet only last month he beat the record of the Swiss international, Willi Steuri, over the famous "Schilgrat" run at Murren.

Peter Lunn, the greatest skier England has ever had considers himself a veteran at the age of 23, and has retired from racing. Miss Evie Pinching, who is the same age, and is our best woman skier, also confesses that the mental and physical strain of international racing is too great and she, likewise, has retired. In 1936 she was world champion. Miss Eileen de Cosson, the first skier of the British women, recently did the fastest time in the Ladies' Ski Club Championship at Murren.



# Chiang Kai-Shek, Interviewed by Vernon Bartlett, Says CHINA WILL OUTLAST JAPAN IN WAR

## British Coldness Towards League

By VERNON BARTLETT

London "News-Chronicle" Special Correspondent

**ARMED** with General Chiang Kai-shek's invitation I crossed the Yangtze to Wuchang in a launch reserved for military officials. By automobile I drove through the ancient city to the small grey house which is the temporary home of the Generalissimo. His wife, who is among the most beautiful and most efficient women I have met, left her work in the organisation of the Air Force in order to interpret.

The Generalissimo sat militarily upright, asking more questions than he answered. Madame vivaciously translated my attempts to explain British coldness towards the League.

## Stronger Pacific Defences

Amsterdam.

The announcement by de Herr Koolhoven, director of one of Holland's biggest aeroplane factories, that this year he is to establish a factory for military aeroplanes in Java, Dutch East Indies, has caused great satisfaction in Holland.

It is regarded as a further indication that Holland is increasingly strengthening her defences in the Dutch East Indies, the total land area of which is almost 1,250,000 square miles.

I am able to state that Holland, with her present sea forces, can make it a risky business for any power who may wish to invade the Dutch East Indies or land forces anywhere in the archipelago, says correspondent.

Netherlands' defence policy is the same in the colonies as at home—a policy of independence, whereby no agreements or pacts are directly concluded and all aggression avoided. All that is aimed at is defence of her territory.

### POSITIONS REINFORCED

The sea defence of the Dutch East Indies is based primarily on the mobility of its fleet, which, in the event of invasion, would constantly attack and worry enemy sea forces. The main naval base of the Dutch East Indies Fleet is Surabaya, on Java's north-east coast, centrally situated in the archipelago.

Surabaya is fully prepared for defence. From this point all sea activities would be directed. There are several other reinforced positions, such as Tarakan and Balikpapan, in Borneo. The Dutch Navy is constantly patrolling every part of the archipelago, including the Rho Islands, near Singapore.

For the defence of the Dutch East Indies, Holland has available three cruisers, the De Ruyter, 6,450 tons, a new ship, and the Java and Sumatra, 6,070 tons each. A new 8,000-ton cruiser is being built. She will have a speed of 33 knots, and will carry 10 6-in guns, and a modern anti-aircraft defence.

### MEDITERRANEAN PATROL

The Java was built in 1928, but she has been modernised in Holland. She is now on her way to the Mediterranean, where she will help in the patrolling of the Straits of Gibraltar to defend Dutch ships against acts of piracy.

During her modernisation she was fitted with a new director tower and new anti-aircraft defences comprising 10 machine-guns, each capable of firing 110 shots a minute. Two new destroyer leaders, each armed with six 6-in guns, are being built. The first, the Tromp, 3,450 tons, will make her trial run in April. These ships will strengthen Holland's East Indies Navy.

In the Dutch East Indies there are also available eight 1,310-ton destroyers, each capable of 35 knots. Four 1,000-ton destroyers are being built. Twelve submarines are also stationed in the Dutch East Indies. These craft, the pride of the navy, can operate over great distances. Nine more are being built.

### 42 FLYING BOATS

The East Indies Navy has a number of Dornier DO 24 K flying-boats. Soon there will be 42 of these formidable fighting machines available. They are excellent for reconnoitring, and capable also of carrying more than a ton of bombs each.

Other naval aircraft include big Fokker seaplanes capable of carrying air-torpedoes. The Dutch Army in the East has a number of heavy Glenn Martin bombers and many Fokker "planes."

A naval war in the Southern Pacific would probably involve more than two navies. In such circumstances Holland feels sure that any fleet directed against the Dutch East Indies would find itself opposed by a modest but mobile, and therefore formidable, Dutch Navy.

## FREEDOM FOR AUSTRIAN NAZIS



RELATIVES IN VIENNA greet political prisoners freed from gaol, after changes in Austria's government produced a decree releasing more than 3,000 persons held for political offences. The amnesty included Nazi dynamiters, bomb-throwers, incendiaries and conspirators, as well as those arrested on charges of less serious crimes.

## 21 Die In Wall Of Water From Broken New Zealand Dam

A wall of roaring water tearing down a gorge from a broken dam swept to death 20 men and a woman while they slept in tents and huts at a construction camp in New Zealand.

The disaster, which occurred at Kopuawhara, south of Gisborne, is thought to have been caused by a cloud-burst.

Thirty-five people were in the camp. Of the 14 survivors, two are children who had an astonishing escape. They had been hoisted to the roof of the only building which was not entirely destroyed by the flood.

There was hardly any warning of the disaster. At 3 a.m. some of the men were awakened by the sound of rushing water. They ran outside to see the torrent bearing down on them through the gorge.

Huts and tents were torn up and carried away with men still inside. Two men were drowned in a gallant effort to find a woman whose hut had been swept away. Although warned of the danger they plunged into the torrent, struggled for a time, and disappeared.

### INKY HORROR

One survivor said: "The water seemed to rise in a split second. Inky darkness added to the horror."

"I clambered on to a large log and rode at breakneck speed down stream, crashed into the cookhouse, reached the roof and grabbed other people as they swept by."

"Curse men on one roof shouted: 'We'll die game! Soon after they went.'"

The cookhouse was the one building to survive the onslaught of the

waters. It was responsible for the escapes of most of the rescued. Two camps lower down narrowly escaped destruction. They were both flooded, but in each case, warned by the roar of the approaching flood, the occupants managed to reach higher ground.

At one of these camps, a desire to dress nearly cost three women their lives. They remained behind and were in danger of drowning until rescued by some young men.

Three thousand sheep were lost and the countryside was strewn with debris and dead cattle.

## Not So Sour Vinegar

New York. Eighteen-year-old Diane Garvine had a good idea when she wrote from New York to "Youthful Thespian G.P.O. London," hoping to discover a youthful actor to whom she could write.

For news of the letter was cabled back across the Atlantic, and within a few hours Diane had broadcast to millions of listeners: Had her photograph taken six times; and

Her story had appeared in newspapers up to the staid New York "Herald-Tribune."

Now here are some facts about Diane Garvine.

Her real name is Dorothy Essigman; "essig" is the German for "vinegar," and the letters of "vinegar," rearranged, read "Garvine."

I have seen her. As she claimed in her letter, she is blonde, green-eyed and cute.

Diane is out of work. If this publicity gets her a job "that will be just marvelous."

## Arabs Armed By Italians

Professor Gilbert Murray, chairman of the League of Nations Union, in a speech at Oxford, referred to "perfectly incredible" broadcasts by Italy throughout the Moslem world fostering ill-feeling against the British Government.

In Palestine, he said, 60 Italian agents disguised as chauffeurs had been distributing arms to the Arabs. Mr. Eden was right when he said that Mussolini must stop that before there could be any conversations with a common purpose.

Referring to the suggestion of a loan by Britain to Mussolini, Professor Murray declared, "Could anything be more absurd than to be compelled to build up a large reserve of armaments and at the same time be lending money to countries against whom possibly these armaments might be required?"

## RADIO BROADCAST

Recital by Nura Kanis From the Studio ROTARY SPEECH

Radio Programme Broadcast by Z.B. on Frequencies of 845 k.c.s. 9.52 m.c.s. per second.

12.00-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with De Groot and His Orchestra.

Other Days (Selection of Popular Melodies—Arr. Finck), Orchestra; Bonnie Banks O' Loch Lomond; My Mother (Muntz), Joseph Hislop; In the Night (Tate); Under the Roof of Paris (From 'Sous les Toits de Paris'), Orchestra; Bonnie Wee Thing (G. Fox); McGregor's Gathering (G. A. Lee, arr. P. Kahn); Joseph Hislop; Waldeufel Memories (Arr. Finck), Orchestra.

1.00 Time and Weather.

1.03 Debroy Somers Band. What's Yours?—A Convivial Medley. (Arr. Debroy Somers), Orchestra; Some Landlord Fill The Flowing Bowl; Little Brown Jug; Barley Mow; Whiskey Johnny; Drinking; The Dead Men; Dixieland—Selection; The Open Road—A Hiking Medley (Arr. Debroy Somers); Glamorous Night—Selection.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather and Announcements.

1.40 Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Speaker: James Smith, Esq., Subject "Locomotive Improvements."

2.15 Close Down.

6.00-7.00 Chinese Programme.

7.00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Way Down Yonder In New Orleans (Creamer and Layton); Nightfall (Benny Carter); Scott God and His Six Swingers; Tango Cantio—Madrecita De Pompeya (Jose Martinez—Francisco Laine); Mi Musa Campara (From 'Bolicho') Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro; Fox-Trots—Empty Saddles (From 'Rhythm On The Range'); Im An Old Cowhand (From 'Rhythm On The Range'); Ambrose And His Orchestra; Lyin' To Myself (Carmichael, Adams); Ev'nlide (Carmichael); Lous Armstrong and His Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Did I Remember? (From 'Suzy'); Waltz—The Dance Goes On (From 'Over She Goes')... Mantovani And His Tipica Orchestra.

7.31 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.33 Variety.

Orchestra—Home And Beauty—Selection... Adelphe Theatre Orchestra conducted by Francis Colinson; Orchestra—Summer Breezes (R. King); Daddy Long Legs (K. A. Wright)... The Bohemians; Organ Solo—When I Heard The Organ Play (J. G. Gilbert) Don't Forget The Old Folks (Wood and Pelosi)... Quentin M. Maclean (Organ) vocalists: Les Allen and Quartette; Orchestra—Double Or Nothing—Film Selection; Mr. Dodd Takes The Air—Film Selection... Carroll Gibbons (Piano) and His Boy Friends.

8.00 Time Weather and Announcements.

8.03 Songs by Richard Tauber (Tenor).

8.08 There Lived A Lady Fair (From 'Blossom Time'); Love Lost For Ever More (From 'Blossom Time'); Had You But Known (Denza—Bruggemann); Kokoko Love Song (E. Meyer—Helmund).

8.15 London Relay—'Empire Gazette'—1.

A topical review of events overseas by James Gilroy assisted by Kenneth Bully. Presented by Pascoe Thornton.

8.45 Studio—A Recital by Nura Kanis (Piano)—Russian Programme.

1. Fairy Tale Op. 34 (Medtner); 2. Pastorale (Lindow); 3. Prelude No. 12 (Rachmaninoff); 4. Valse (Arensky); 5. Fairy Tale Op. 23 (Medtner); 6. Prelude (Arensky).

9.05 J. H. Squire Celeste Octet. Phantom Minuet (Hope); Souvenir (Drdla, arr. Willoughby); The Wedding Of The Rose (Jessel, arr. Willoughby).

9.15 Studio—A talk by Sir Henry Pellock on the Work of the Salvation Army.

9.30 London Relay—The News.

9.50 Songs by Eva Turner (Soprano).

O Lovely Night (Sir London Ronald); Good-Bye (F. Paolo Tosti). 10.00 London Relay—All Kinds of People—7. 'Milestones in an Airman's Life'.

A talk by Wing-Commander S. L. G. Fox, D.F.C., A.F.C.

10.15 Grace Fields and Sandy Powell.

What The Stars Foretell (Humorous Sketch)... Sandy Powell; Grace's And Sandy's Party; Grace Fields and Sandy Powell entertain; Charles Kunz, Joe Peterson; Reginald Dixon, Joy Wilbur; Larry Adler; Primo Scule; The Photograph Of Mother's Wedding (Harmonies and Damerell)... Grace Fields.

10.30 Half An Hour Of Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Lambeth Walk (Rose, Furber and Gray); Me And My Girl (Furber and Gray)... Ronnie Munro and His Orchestra with 'Vocal refrain; You've Gotta Take Your Pick And Swing (From 'Let's make a

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## CARDINAL DEFIES POPE

Orders Churchbells To Toll For Plebiscite

Vienna, Apr. 3. Cardinal Theodor Innitzer, Bishop of Vienna, has ordered all church bells to be tolled on the eve of the plebiscite. A spokesman at the Cardinal's palace made it clear that the Cardinal has no intention of budging from his pro-Hitler attitude, regardless of the Vatican stand.

Some rumours state that Cardinal Innitzer may possibly found a German Catholic Church, but the majority of Austrians believe that the Pontiff will eventually appreciate Cardinal Innitzer's stand and ultimately consent to his recent appeal to Catholics to support the German Government in the plebiscite.—United Press.

### CARDINAL TO SEE POPE

Vatican City, Apr. 3. It is understood that Cardinal Innitzer, Bishop of Austria, has arrived to explain to the Pope the action of the Austrian Church in formally recognising the Anschluss. Some believe that negotiations are under way whereby Austrian bishops will reconsider the position and issue modified instructions to the 6,000,000 Catholics in connection with the plebiscite balloting.—United Press.

night of it); When My Heart Says Sing (From 'Let's make a night of it... Ronnie Munro And His Orchestra; With Vocal Refrain; Tango Fox-Trot—City Of A Million Dreams (Holmes-Harper-Forrester-Nicholls); Waltz—Viennese Romance (May—Do Dance)... Jack Wilson And His Versatile Five; Fox-Trot—Glamour Girl (Strauss—Dale); One-Step—Amizton Goes A-Wooding (Six Phil-lips)... Jack Harris And His Orchestra; Fox-Trots—True Confession (From the film); Please Remember (Denby and Watson)... Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

11.00 Close Down.

## STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday says:

The market ruled generally on the quiet side and some stocks show slight improvements with buyers for Trams at \$15.70, Star Ferries at \$80 and Douglas at \$70.

The Manila market is unchanged.

Buyers

Bank of East Asia \$23  
Douglas \$70  
H.K. Steamboats \$17 1/2  
Provident (Old) \$4  
Provident (New) \$3 1/2  
H.K. Lands 4 1/2  
Chinese Estates \$100  
H.K. Tramways \$15.70  
Peak Trams (Old) \$7  
Star Ferries \$80  
H.K. Electric \$28 1/2  
Telephones (Old) \$20.00  
Sincere \$22.27  
Wing On (H.K.) \$40  
Construction (N.Y.) \$14  
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2 % Loan 2 1/2 %  
Wallace Harpers \$10  
Marrmans (H.K.) \$9

Sellers

H.K. Realities \$24  
Yamutai Ferries \$27 1/2  
China Light (Old) \$13.10

Sales

Provident (Old) \$3.55  
H.K. Mines \$0.10  
H.K. Tramways \$15.50/70  
H.K. Electric \$28  
Telephones (Old) \$20  
H.K. Docks X \$15 \$20  
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Consolidated Mines 31 1/2  
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# TENNIS CHAMPION GETS INTO THE LAST EIGHT

## BEATS PEARCE AFTER A FAST SINGLES TIE ENCOUNTER FEATURED BY SPLENDID DRIVING

(By "ABE")

Though he won his match in straight sets, the form shown by H. D. Rumjahn, holder of the Colony tennis title, was not very impressive yesterday when he met T. A. Pearce in the third round of the singles championship at the Hongkong C.C. He was not as reliable off the ground as usual and was fully extended in the second set.

At one stage of the encounter it seemed likely that the champion would have to go the full distance, but his opponent's weakness at the net gave him a respite at several important stages. Often Pearce forced Rumjahn out of position with deep drives near the side line only to fall with his finishing volley.

It was an entertaining match to watch nevertheless. A fast pace was maintained throughout and there were some fine rallies featured by splendid driving. Each man shone in turn with winning shots.

As only to be expected in a match in which both players relied on speed to win their points, many mistakes were made. Pearce often played his shot a little too hurriedly when he attempted to pass the champion at the net. This was his greatest fault. A little more accuracy and a little less speed would have served him better, especially in the second set when he had established a lead of 4-2.

### HOW GAME WENT

After 2-2 had been called in the first set, Rumjahn reeled off four games in a row to annex it. In the second stanza, Pearce, as a result of

some fine passing shots, went ahead to 4-2 but failed to improve upon this score and Rumjahn caught up and concluded the set in the tenth game.

Only one other match in the singles was played. This was the long-delayed tie between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain in the first round of the tournament. Owen Hughes did not seem to be in his usual form even at the net and was often passed by drives on both wings. Hussain was very steady. The match went the full distance before a decision was reached.

### Scores:

H. D. Rumjahn beat T. A. Pearce 6-2, 6-4.  
S. S. Hussain beat H. Owen Hughes 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH

What promises to be more than an ordinarily interesting match in the quarter-finals of the singles will be played on the stand court this afternoon when E. C. Fincher meets Tsui Wal-pui, the former champion and Chinese Davis Cup player. This should be one of the best matches of the competition.



H. D. Rumjahn, the title-holder, in action yesterday against T. A. Pearce in the third round of the Tennis Singles Championship at the Hongkong C.C. (Photo: Mee Cheung)

## THREE-MAN PLAN FOR BOXING ADVOCATED

More Referees May Stop Faulty Decisions

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Mar. 2.  
How much longer, I wonder, can professional boxing be carried on in Britain under the present system of refereeing?

That is not an exaggerated question. As a close observer of matters pugilistic, I ask it in all seriousness. Week after week, as fight followers are well aware, the sporting atmosphere of boxing arenas, large and small, is being gravely disturbed by outbursts of disapproval at the verdicts of referees.

We are in the middle of a boxing boom in this country. Crowds demonstrate their becoming common. They are accepted as an inevitable part of the game. It has become the fashion, if one disagrees with the finding of a referee (who, after all, does know a bit about it), to make things hot for him. The referee, unhappy fellow, cannot boo the crowd in return.

Boxing promoters are harassed people. You can see them all tense at the ringside, waiting for the verdict—the crowd's, not the referee's. These scenes do not help their shows. I am sure everyone will agree that they do not help boxing.

It is not for me to say that when crowds boo and shout down verdicts their judgment is wrong. Generally it is right. Modern fight crowds know their sport.

### FAULTY SYSTEM

What I do say is that the booing habit is not one which does us credit. Competitors in any game are expected to accept a referee's judgment in a sporting way.

However, that side of the question can be left to the good sense and fairness of the boxing onlookers, and I am going to side with them by stating that the general standard of refereeing to-day leaves much to be desired.

Too many debatable decisions are being rendered, and unless the problem is properly tackled by the British Boxing Board of Control, then I am afraid much harm is going to be done to the sport they govern.

Referees, being human, are bound to err at times. But it is my conviction that many of the "funny" verdicts we get are the fault not so much of the officials concerned as of the system under which they work.

The one-man refereeing system is a British tradition, and traditions are hard to break down. Nevertheless, other countries, who have learned the game from us, after starting off with one-man control, gradually threw the system overboard until to-day Britain stands alone as champions of the "one fight, one referee" plan.

### THREE-MAN PLAN

In the United States they have one referee and two judges. In every country in Europe, except ours, they have three judges and one ringmaster.

Recently Mr. Charles Donmall, the board's secretary, was in Hamburg watching the Schmeling-Foerd fight. I am sure he must have been impressed by the German system of judging contests.

Are three heads better than one? Is a majority vote taken from three

officials sitting independently on different sides of a ring (thus covering all viewpoints) more likely to provide a correct judgment of a fight than the opinion of one man? Bearing in mind all the angry scenes I have witnessed lately, I think the answer is "Yes." We should scrap one-man control.

### HARD WORK

Let us put ourselves in the shoes of a British referee for a moment or two. The gong has gone and the men are at it hammer and tongs. The referee skips around as fast as he can to keep out of their way and preserve a broadside view of the fight.

"Don't hold!" "Break!" "Keep that glove higher," he says. "All the while his instructions, sometimes remonstrating, grabbing the boxers by the shoulders to tug them apart, covering as much ground as the fighters in his boiled shirt."

The gong goes, the referee mops his perspiring brow, and says (meekly), "Now, who won that fight?" He marks his card, and off he goes again. Make no mistake, the physical effort is considerable.

It seems to me that the referee has so many other things on which to concentrate that his judgment of the actual scoring is bound to be affected. That a good judge of boxing sitting close to the ring-side will see more than does the tiring referee inside the ropes.

That also is the Continental view. So in Germany and in France, and all other countries affiliated to the International Boxing Union, they put a ringmaster into the ring and sit three judges at the ringside.

The ringmaster does not give a verdict. He is there to attend to the "Don't hold" and "Break" technicalities and do the running about. This leaves the judges free to concentrate calmly on the scoring and decide on the winner.

### WORTH TRYING

Admittedly the system is not fool-proof, but would it not be less productive of boo-provoking verdicts than our one-man plan? For one thing, a crowd would not so readily demonstrate against a three-man verdict. Secondly, three men are less likely to give a mistaken ruling than is one official.

Already I can hear an objection. "It would cost too much—why should we pay for three referees?" Answer: Other nations do not find it a costly scheme, and in any case, it is worth a bit extra to rid boxing of "scenes."

And another objection—"Why should Britain follow the foreigners?" Answer: British amateur boxing has had three officials present from the beginning of glove fighting. It was our idea in the first place.

In addition, the plan would make more work for referees, so they "shouldn't kick." In any case, let us try it. I am sure it would do much to overcome the present discontent.

## Australian Batsmen Want Larwood In The Tests

From William Pollock

London, Mar. 2.

If William Hickey does not mind me getting on his wicket, I should like to say these names make views, except that I had better not mention any names. I can't very well, if I were to give away names my name might be mud in Australia, which would not be so agreeable on my return visit in 1940.

The Views are condensed from a great many conversations I have had with Test cricketers, present and past, in the last week or so, and they just go to show the trend of Test thought.

### Few Fireworks

Bradman. There is a feeling that he has reached his "top." Fellow players say that while no doubt he will get two thousand runs in England, fireworks from him will not be so frequent. He has slowed down, they believe.

Vic Richardson-Grimmett testimonial match—but he asked to stand down for a younger player.

He has an average of about 100 this season for the Melbourne club, still goes into the nets after an innings that has not quite satisfied him, but he tells me that his feet and legs have "let" him. "I couldn't stand the fielding on an England tour."

### Allen v Robins

Hammond. Robins is quoted as saying that English cricketers would be happy to play under the Test captaincy of such a great player as Hammond, but Australians are sceptical about him being made England's skipper. "The M.C.C. won't do it" is the general opinion here. Belief is that if "Gubby" Allen can make a good come-back he will get the captaincy, and, failing him, that Robins will be the man.

Australian cricketers say that Hammond like Bradman, has probably passed his peak years, but a little oddity—they rank him as one of the three best bowlers England has. They say that he can be so very fast off the pitch.

### They Like 'Lo'

Larwood. Views are that the Australian team will not meet him. They think that he may be "unavailable" when it comes to matches against Australia.

Nearly every one who has played against Larwood regrets this greatly. Present and past players say that he is one of the most beautiful bowlers in cricket.

One of the queerest things I know about cricket is that every Australian batsman I ever talk to about Larwood has the highest regard and admiration for him.

### Voce's Example

What a pity it is that "Lo" cannot see his way to follow the example of his friend, Bill Voce, let bygones be bygones (as Dan Leno used to say) and come back to bowl for England. Just a few lines from him would put him back in big cricket—which is where he ought to be.

It would be tremendously popular. And it really is rather important that England should put up a good show this time and get back these Ashes. We have a distinct chance this time.

We should have a better chance with Larwood to open fire for us.

### HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 4.  
In the southern section of the Third Division in the English Football League, Millwall defeated Aldershot to-day by four goals to nil.—Reuter.

### Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

## Half A Shield Or None At All? EVERYBODY ENTITLED TO OWN OPINION

Everybody is entitled to his own opinion and I am quite sure that the decision to play for a draw after the sixth wicket of the I.R.C. fell was one which commended itself to the vast majority of the members of the I.R.C. The position was that there was about 40 minutes to go and about 60 runs to get. A. H. Madar was well set and there were M. el Arculli, M. P. Madar, A. H. Ali, and A. M. Rumjahn to bat. The game shut up like a knife. Half volleys were gently batted down the pitch back to the bowler, no chances were taken, and what might have been a sparkling finish died away into a dreary draw. As I have said everyone is entitled to his own opinion. For my part the I.R.C. have won the Shield so often that I would rather have seen them go down in a gallant defeat than crawl quietly out with half a Shield, which quite frankly I do not consider to be better than no armour. I think had the attacking game been persevered with for two more wickets and then when eight wickets were down and all hope was gone had a rear guard action been fought with the last two wickets, no one could have complained. As it was an old friend of mine said to me afterwards in the Club, "I'm going to read your next article. 'How you are going to defend League cricket after this I don't know!'"

### ONE MAN'S MEAT

It is all very well of course, but we have not all got the same idea of what should be done under certain circumstances and I think people are a little too apt to hold the old crack "Orthodoxy is my doxy; heterodoxy is the other fellow's doxy." It is possible that to save a game may be considered better than to lose one gloriously! I personally do not think so, nor do great many people, but one does not wish to be too dogmatic. All I have to say that I defend League cricket because without it I think cricket would fall to a very low ebb indeed. Were the teams of certain clubs so notably strongly represented in friendly games (other than the plum games at Christmas and the New Year) I should be more hopeful but they aren't. However, enough said.

### PERSONAL POINTS

My congratulations to Minu on his very brilliant bowling feat. He had been suffering from lumbago all the week, but apparently the sun loosened him up. His 7 for 35 was an excellent performance, though I still don't understand how he came to drop Ernie Zimmern off his own bowling. It was in its way as much a key note of the game as the brilliant catch by Francis Zimmern. Souza played very pretty cricket.

## Tennis Girls' Training Miss Thomas, Aged 17, Joins Up

By Stanley N. Doust

Miss Rosemary Thomas, the holder of the British junior championship and Surrey junior champion for the last two years, has joined the women players who are training and practising for the Wightman Cup match against the United States, to be played at Wimbledon on June 10 and 11.

It is an excellent move to bring young players such as Miss Thomas—who is 17—into these trials. Miss Thomas is a perfect stylist; plays a cool and calculated game. All she needs is stronger physique, and here the physical exercises planned by Mrs. B. Richards should be valuable.

The number of players selected for Wightman Cup practice is now 15. Physical exercises in one of the squash rackets courts will be followed by some trial games.

It is to be hoped that the selection committee will not rely entirely on these games as their guide in choosing the team. Players should have to prove themselves match winners in a series of major tournaments. If some of the younger members of the "squad" do better than the Internationals of the past in the open tournaments, they should go into the team without any hesitation on the part of the selectors.

### Hockey

## MACAO CHOOSES GOOD TEAM For Interport With Hongkong

Macao, Apr. 4.  
No little interest among local sports circles is vested on the forthcoming Interport hockey match which is to be played in Hongkong. The local team is looking forward to the visit with keen anticipation, and there is no doubt that the players will give a good account of themselves individually. Current feeling is that the local side will have a hard game to play on foreign soil, but it is certain that the Macao team will play a determined game and it will be no easy victory for the side that wins.

The line-up of the Macao eleven will consist of the following: C. Almada; Rigoberto Rosario, Geoffrey Lammer; Joao Nolasco, Alex Airoa, Laertes Costa (Captain); Fred Nolasco, Fernando Ramalho, Pedrinho Angelo, Albert Airoa, Amílcar Angelo.

Reserves—Cláudio Lyle, J. Santos Ferreira, Marie Soares, and Jose Marcel.

All the players are seasoned interporters, several having represented Macao on no less than four occasions. Jose Marcel, reserve, is a real old-timer in hockey, having been actively associated with the team as a full-back from the inception of hockey in Macao when Lieut. O'Costa interested the younger set in this line of sport in 1920. Although giving place to younger bloods, Marcel has continued to be an ardent supporter of the game here.

The Macao team will be leaving for Hongkong on April 16 in the morning, and shall play 20-minute games on the Saturday afternoon in order to test themselves on new ground.

They will engage the Hongkong Interport team on April 17 and the Combined Services on the following day, returning on the 19th in the morning.

A number of camp-followers will accompany the Macao eleven including the hockey, badminton and table tennis teams of the Macao Lyceum who will visit Hongkong during the Easter holidays in order to test their mettle in the respective games in Hongkong.—Our Own Correspondent.

## PICARD WINS GOLF TOURNEY

Bobby Jones Well Down The List

New York, Apr. 4.  
Henry Picard won the Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta to-day with rounds of 71, 72, 72 and 70, an aggregate of 285.

Cooper had a magnificent first round of 68, but this performance was spoiled by his second, which took 77. He finally finished up with two rounds of 71 each, thus totalling 287.

Ralph Guldahl tied with Cooper for second place with four rounds of 73, 70, 73 and 71.

Paul Runyan was one stroke behind with 71, 73, 74 and 70, taking third place.

Bobby Jones, the former amateur and open champion, finished well down the list, his scores being 74, 70, 72 and 70.—Reuter.



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# CUT DOWN THE SCRUMS!

## New Throw-in to Solve Problem

By E. G. BLACKWELL

LONDON, FEB. 27. IT IS PLEASING TO READ THAT THE RUGBY LEAGUE'S CHIEF OFFICIAL, MR. JOHN WILSON, HAS REALISED THAT THE GAME HE HAS DONE SO MUCH TO ADVANCE—BEFORE AND SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY—CONTAINS TOO MANY SCRUMS.

Many of us have been telling him and his colleagues this fact for many years, but hitherto it has been contemptuously dubbed a Press stunt. I wish some of these people who sit in high places would realise that Press criticism is generally well intentioned; that those of us who have written about the game for many years are genuinely anxious of improving it, and if at all possible of contributing towards its advancement.

The words I have written at different times pleading for somebody to get a move on and to institute experiments must number thousands. I was recently told it was hopeless to expect that the scrummage problem would ever be solved. I do not agree.

There are several methods all vastly better than that which is being employed at present. Where I do agree is that any very definite improvement is unlikely while the authorities persist in the view that there is nothing wrong with the rules if the players will observe them.

### BETTER METHODS

The trouble is that the players will not observe them, and that neither referees nor club committees can force them to do so.

Thus we are confronted with the plain fact that some very drastic alteration is needed to make the rules so watertight that players will find it more to their advantage to observe them to break them.

Can it be done? Easily, I think, but I am not in favour of rushing into

any new method which revolutionises a fundamental of the game until it has been tried out and submitted to the severest of tests.

### PROBLEM STILL UNSOLVED

Scrumming has been a problem of both amateur and professional Rugby for many years. All sorts of appeals and instructions have been issued to the players, but the problem remains unsolved.

It must, I think, be recognised that the one thing which cannot be ruled out is the human element. If one team thinks its opponents, by employing a certain method of, say, "hooking" in the scrums is thereby securing an advantage, it is but natural that they will copy it, and the practice grows.

At the outset it is given the high sounding and flattering name of "specialisation." When it becomes more general and has not beyond control it descends to the low level of being regarded and described as "cheating."

Now that Mr. Wilson is on the side of reform I am more than hopeful something practical will follow.

There are some who would abolish scrummaging altogether. That, to my mind, is not practicable nor acceptable.

To reduce them by one half would be a welcome step, and here is the method which appeals to me most. Instead of the scrum I would substitute a throw-in from touch. The line-out as practised in the Rugby Union would not meet present-day Rugby League requirements.

### NEW THROW-IN IDEA

The reason for abolishing it—that it invariably led to a scrum—remains, so that the new throw-in must be of a different type.

Instead of a scrum when the ball goes into touch, there should be a throw-in. Judicious kicking is one of the most attractive features of the game, so that if the ball is kicked out "at the full" the throw-in should go to the opposite side at a spot level with the place from where it was kicked.

If, however, the kicker finds touch on the bounce the throw-in should go to the attacking side where the ball goes out of play, thus encouraging accurate touch-kicking.

The players should not be lined up for the throw-in, but each side should be required to stand at least five yards behind the throw-in. That would prevent any possibility of obstruction, and there would be ample space for one side to position itself for attack and the other for defence. It means, of course, possession to the side throwing in providing the player to whom it is thrown takes the ball cleanly.

### AID TO REFEREES

But it would reduce the number of scrummages by more than half, and would remove the cause of most of the penalty kicks which are awarded.

The throw-in would, of course, be in a backward direction, and with the referee relieved of scrum troubles he could devote more vigilance to off-side and such-like offences.

As matters stand now the side putting the ball into the scrum invariably wins possession, so that the main difference is that instead of a team which tries to open out play being easy victims of "stoppers" under the throw-in system they would have greater freedom to develop attacks.

Good attack is said to be the best defence, and the usual experience is that where the attacking play on both sides reaches a high standard the defensive play becomes, equally thrilling.

This throw-in idea is well worth trying in an experimental match, and I should not only be surprised, but bitterly disappointed, if it did not prove an unqualified success.

### LOCAL BADMINTON

## Chinese Y.M.C.A. Lose To Recreio

The Club de Recreio beat the Chinese Y.M.C.A. by 5-4 in their "A" Division Badminton League match at the Talkoo Recreation Club yesterday. The results were:

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio) lost to P. H. Wong and C. Au, 7-21; beat F. Koh and S. Y. Hon, 24-21; beat H. Koh and A. Chuang, 21-6.

M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios lost to Wong and Au, 10-21; beat F. Koh and Hon, 21-7; beat H. Koh and Chuang, 21-13.

H. A. Barros and H. A. Alves lost to Wong and Au, 20-24; lost to F. Koh and Hon, 20-22; beat H. Koh and Chuang, 21-8.

### Cricket

## Australians All Loyal To Bradman

Sydney. All members of the Australian Test team, except Don Bradman, C. L. Baskin, and C. W. Walker, attended a farewell luncheon given to them by the New South Wales Cricket Association.

"We are proud to have Bradman as captain in England," said Stanley McCabe the Australian batsman. "He has our loyalty from start to finish of the tour."

Mr. Sidney Smith, who will manage the side, said: "If England regains the 'Ashes' we will have no excuses. They will have beaten Australia's best team."

Tributes were paid to the Test veterans, Oldfield and Grimmett, who were present, but who are not chosen for the coming trip.

Don Tallon, the Queensland wicket-keeper, has been offered a post in Melbourne by the Prahran C.C., which, he says, he will probably accept. If he moves Tallon will play for Victoria in the Sheffield Shield.

Reuter.

### RACING ACCIDENT

## Seven Killed And Twenty Injured In Car Crash

Rome, Apr. 3. Seven people were killed and 20 injured, when a car, participating in a 1,000 mile motor race, crashed into the crowd at Bologna.

Two Italian occupants of the car were seriously injured.—Reuter.

United Press adds that the car was a Lancia Millemiglia, and that the names of the Italian motorists were Bruzzo and Mignonego.

### MUSSOLINI UNPLACED

## Dictator's Son and Nephew Drive in 1,000 Mile Race

Brescia, Apr. 3. Vittorio Mussolini, eldest son of the Italian dictator, and Vito, a nephew, driving Fiat cars, unsuccessfully completed in the annual 1,000 miles road race here. Both retired.

The winner was Blodetti, driving an Alfa Romeo, in the time of 11 hours 58 mins. 29 secs., at an average speed of 135.391 kilometres per hour.

The only British driver in the race was A.P.F. Kane, who won in his class of cars, the 1,100 cubic centimetres.

It is revealed that Vittorio Mussolini completed the course in the time of 15:44:15, at an average speed of 103 kilometres per hour.—Reuter.

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Awful Truth" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Further evidence that with good material it is just as successful to start our hero and heroine already married. This is a picture which definitely lives up to the producers' claims; it is smart, funny and in keeping with the present trend of showing husband and wife, who love and prove it by quarrelling. Cary Grant and Irene Dunne enhance their reputation here for sophisticated comedies. A film worth seeing.

"The Go-Getter" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—This show might have been better, but it definitely could have been worse. Some of the scenes are amusing and kept on an even tempo by the work of George Brent, Charles Winninger and Anita Louise.

"Kid Galahad" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Betty Davis takes an unusual role in this picture in which she has one of the principal parts. The other is taken by Edward G. Robinson. It is quite an entertaining film, with prize-fights and gangsters making up the thrills.

"Broadway Melody of 1938" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Up to the standard of former productions. Once again we see Robert Taylor, and Eleanor Powell, this time supported by George Murphy who shakes a no mean hoof.

"Slave Ship" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Warner Baxter and Wallace

## AVERY INCIDENT DISCUSSED.

### Question Of Bona Fide Members

The controversy over the playing of A. Avery, of the Islington Corinthians, by the Kowloon Football Club, in their Shield match against the Middlesex Regiment, was again brought up at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Council yesterday. It was in consequence of a reply received from the Club to the letter written by the Council pointing out that such action was bad form and that under no circumstances should it be repeated.

The Club replied by saying that the Committee felt very strongly the unwarranted attack, and that they were looking forward to a retrial of the unjustified criticism of unprofessionalism. Further, they deplored the procedure taken by the Council, which was both unusual and unfair, as the alleged offender was not given a chance to explain.

Mr. W. E. Hollands said the question of bad sportsmanship was not brought up at the last meeting at all; the sole point was whether or not Avery was a bona-fide member of the Club. Under the rules it was impossible that he could be.

Mr. J. McKelvie, representative of the Kowloon Football Club, remarked that he could not say definitely whether the player was a bona-fide member as he was not present at the Committee's meeting. In any event, he could not see why the Council should pick on this particular incident, as he had known a 1,000 mile motor race, where Clubs had been represented by players who were only passing through the Colony.

When asked to give an instance by the Chairman (Mr. W. Pryde), Mr. McKelvie said the match between South China "A" and South China "B" was one.

### Remarks Resented

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, representative of South China, said he resented the remarks very strongly, as all the players who participated were bona-fide members. Mr. McKelvie replied that it was in any case bad sportsmanship not to field the best team, whereupon Mr. Wong said there was nothing in the rules against it. "So long as my Club fielded the best teams available, I can't see there is anything wrong in it," he added.

Referring to the incident in dispute, Mr. McKelvie said he agreed that if Avery were not a bona-fide member, his Club was in the wrong. The reason why the matter was not referred to in his Club's reply was that the Council did not mention it in their letter.

It was then unanimously decided to write another letter to the Kowloon Football Club, asking if the rule concerning bona-fide members had been complied with in the case of Avery.

Other matters dealt with at the meeting were the fixing of grounds for the following matches:

Senior Shield Final—South China "A" v. South China "B", Club ground, April 24.

Junior Shield Final—Kwong Wah v. R.A.O.C., Kowloon Football Club ground, April 16.

Sunday Herald Cup Final—China v. England, Club ground, April 10.

On the suggestion of Mr. McKelvie it was agreed to Mrs. Pryde to present the prizes at the Senior Shield final.

The Council also decided to leave the question of an Interport (Second Division) with Macao to the Management Committee with full powers to do whatever they think best.

Beery in a powerful story of the sea and the slave traffic. They are aided by Elizabeth Allan and Mickey Rooney.

### LADIES AT HELM

## True Blue First Home In Championship Race

True Blue took first place in the Ladies' Championship Race and Eve in the Menagerie Race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 10.8 miles.

Championship Race	Finished	Corrd.	Pos.
True Blue	10:54.20	—	1
Gull (Miss J. L. Smith)	10:54.33	—	2
(Mrs. L. Stanton)	—	—	—
Artemis	10:54.45	—	3
(Miss M. Witham)	—	—	—
Brittish	10:55.12	—	4
(Miss P. M. King)	—	—	—
Sunlight	11:01.51	10:50.51	5
(Mrs. K. Trenchard-Davies)	—	—	—
Wildcat	11:03.25	10:59.59	6
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	—	—	—
Jean	—	—	—
Menagerie Race	—	—	—
Eve	11:03.17	—	1
(Mrs. M. J. Johnston)	—	—	—
Teal	11:03.17	—	2
(Miss V. A. Buckley)	—	—	—

### COAST BASEBALL

## San Diego Beat Seattle In Double Header

Washington, April 3. Four double headers opened the Pacific Coast baseball season. San Diego beat Seattle, and Sacramento defeated Oakland in both. The result were:

	R.	H.	E.
Hollywood	8	10	1
Los Angeles	1	5	4
Hollywood	3	5	2
Los Angeles	13	12	—
Oakland	—	5	1
Sacramento	5	7	1
Oakland	2	4	—
Sacramento	5	7	1
Seattle	3	8	—
San Diego	4	4	1
Seattle	—	3	2
San Diego	9	11	—
Portland	8	13	2
San Francisco	9	12	—
(ten innings)	—	—	—
Portland	5	10	1
San Francisco	2	4	1

### COMMITTEE MEETING

## Draft Constitution of League Considered and Approved

Consideration of a draft constitution for the Hongkong Baseball League occupied the attention of the members who met at the Brook Club yesterday. The constitution was finally approved. Mr. W. Muir was in the Chair, assisted by Mr. W. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

The question of a ground once more arose and it was stated that with the British Navy remaining in the Colony for the summer, their ground would not be available.

Under that section of the constitution dealing with umpires, Mr. Abe Lee, coach of the Chinese team, was elected Umpire-in-Chief and Chairman of the Umpires Board.

Another important point which was included was that any team walking off the field would be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

It was hinted by Mr. H. A. Barros, Secretary, representative, that there was a great possibility of his club entering a team in the League this year.

### ENGLISH SOCCER TEAM

London, Apr. 4. The English soccer team against Scotland at Wembley on April 9 will be: Woodley, Sprston, Hagood, Williamson, Cullis, Coppinger, Matthews, Hall, Fenton (Middlebrough), Stephenson (Leeds United), Bastin.—Reuter.

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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 7th April, 1938.

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# JAPANESE SITUATION CLARIFIED FOR CHIANG

## Official Statement Released at Wuchang Military Conference

Hankow, Apr. 5.  
An interview in which the Chinese military situation on all fronts was reviewed for the benefit of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, took place yesterday afternoon at the Generalissimo's headquarters at Wuchang.  
General Chan Chen, garrison commander of the Wuhan cities, acted as spokesman, and he declared that the Japanese drives in Shansi and Shantung and on Kwangteh had all been frustrated, and that the biggest Japanese failure occurred in Shantung, where the Itagaki and Isogai divisions were facing complete annihilation.  
Chinese forces had cut the Tientsin-Pukow railway at Chiehho and Lianghsiatien, and were pushing south along the railway.  
Chinese troops, crossing the Grand Canal and pushing north, had attacked and encircled the Japanese forces between Lincheng and Hanchwang.

The Japanese line between Yihien and Talerchwang had been broken through by the Chinese, splitting the Japanese into two groups, one of which was now surrounded in the vicinity of Talerchwang.  
Since March 31, the Japanese forces at Lingyi had retired in two directions, one heading north to Chuehsien. When the Japanese forces stationed in west Shantung had been transferred to Lingyi for an assault down the railway, General Chan pointed out that the Chinese forces in west Shantung were moved up to cut the railway at Tsoushien and Tawenku.  
Yesterday morning a telephone message from Hanchow stated that severe fighting was in progress north of Talerchwang. The Chinese command expected to clear the outskirts of the town of Japanese troops late yesterday night.—*Reuter*  
A report from the commander in Talerchwang said that the 25th division had captured the headquarters of the Itagaki division's commander, who had been killed in the battle.

**Japanese Plans Fail**  
Regarding the situation in South Shansi, General Chan said the Japanese were stationing troops on (Continued on Page 5.)

## Japanese Slaughter Young Men

Chengchow, Apr. 5.  
More than 200 Chinese youths at Taisiao, important mining town on the western section of the Tokuu-Chinghua Railway, were ruthlessly slaughtered by Japanese troops which again took the town recently. The youths who failed to escape in time were rounded up and mowed down with machine-guns in Chungshan Park.  
There are now some 500 Japanese troops at Taisiao, equipped with 10 tanks.—*Central News*.

**JAPANESE WARSHIPS  
SHELL HOHSIEN**  
Chengyangkwan, Apr. 5.  
Two Japanese warships anchored in the Yangtze River at Hainkew shelled the walled city of Hoihsien yesterday, whilst Air Force cruised in the river.—*Central News*.

**CHINESE RAID  
HANGCHOW**  
Lunan, Chekiang, Apr. 5.  
Scores of Japanese boats in the Chienyang River were sunk by Chinese planes yesterday, and Chinese planes were also shot down by Japanese yesterday.—*Central News*.

## 23 Killed In Shocking Train Disaster

Johnnesburg, Apr. 4.  
Twenty-three were killed and a number injured in a head-on collision between passenger and goods trains near Plumtree, South Rhodesia, during a severe storm at midnight.  
Three trucks of dynamite attached to the goods train failed to explode.—*Reuter*.

## SEEKING MEANS TO SPEED UP ARMAMENT

**Minister Appeals  
For Labour's And  
Capital's Support**  
Gas Masks For  
All Britain

London, Apr. 4.  
The Ministers for Co-ordination of Defence and Labour met the executive council of the Amalgamated Engineering Union in a 90-minute conference to-day, at which Sir Thomas Inskip emphasised that the accelerated armaments programme would place a new strain on the plants and labour ranks of the engineering industry.  
Sir Thomas suggested that representatives of employers and workers meet to discuss how to meet the needs of the situation.  
An official statement says that a frank discussion took place on the questions of skilled labour and armament profits.—*Reuter Special*.  
**Gas Masks For All Britain  
In Eight Hours**  
London, Apr. 4.  
The population of the whole of Britain will be supplied with gas masks in an emergency within eight hours, under a comprehensive Home Office scheme, details of which are

# Insurgents' New Drive Irresistible



LEON BLUM

## JAPANESE PROTEST REJECTED

### Litvinoff Parries Shigemitsu's Thrust

Moscow, Apr. 4.  
The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Mamoru Shigemitsu, called on M. Maxim Litvinoff, Foreign Minister, to-day, and protested against the alleged intervention of Soviet planes in China. M. Litvinoff rejected the protest.

Mr. Shigemitsu alleged that during recent fighting in China, Japanese troops brought down a plane which proved to be of Soviet make, and the pilot, who was taken prisoner, by the Japanese, admitted that he had been in the service of the Soviet.

Mr. Shigemitsu said this fact was regrettable, and imposed particular responsibility on the Soviet.

M. Litvinoff denied all knowledge of the pilot, and pointed out that the Soviet was equally entitled, with other nations, to act freely in China, where, according to the Japanese, no war but only an incident existed.

From the point of view of the Soviet, they regarded the sale of armaments, including aeroplanes, to China as fully conforming with the accepted standards of international law. He pointed out that armaments had been supplied to Japan as well as to China from a number of countries.

He concluded by saying that the Japanese protest was all the more strange in view of the fact that the Japanese were still despoiling a Soviet mail plane and several ships, and had failed to complete payment for the Chinese Eastern Railway.—*Reuter*.

## Two American Women Found Murdered

Van Horn, Tex., Apr. 4.  
The police to-day sought attackers at Berkeley, California, of the well-known socialite, Mrs. West C. Frome, (40) and her beautiful daughter, Nancy (22), a graduate of California University.  
Their bodies were found six miles east of the highway in heavy brush. Apparently they were slain on Wednesday last, when their automobile was found stripped, 50 miles away.  
The flesh of the young girl's forearm had been burned.—*United Press*.  
being sent to the local authorities throughout the country.  
Every house is to be visited by an Air Raid Warden, and gas masks are to be tried by everyone to discover the number and sizes required.  
A special type of respirator for infants has been designed, and for babies in arms there will be a protective device to keep out all poison gas.—*Reuter Special*.

## FRANCE PROPOSES CAPITAL TAXATION

**Rightists Attack  
Move Of "Marxist  
Dictatorship"**  
**Senate Won't  
Approve**

Paris, Apr. 4.  
M. Leon Blum's new Financial Bill includes a tax on a sliding scale beginning at four per cent. on capital of 150,000 francs, while it is proposed that the 40-hour a week will not apply to factories engaged in national defence manufacturing.  
The Bill refers to the need for improvement in yield from income tax, and this is to be achieved by raising the rate. Certain privileges of rentiers have been abolished, and the payment of the public debt has been suspended for two years. National defence firms are to pay off excess profits.  
The text of the Finance Bill shows a progressive capital levy of 2 per cent. about 150,000 francs, and not 100,000 francs as forecast. It is payable by all residents, including foreigners. All must submit details of their capital within six months.  
The tax is four per cent. on 150,000 francs, rising to 17 per cent. to over 50,000,000 francs.

## Close Vote Of Approval

The Radical-Socialist group approved of M. Blum's Finance Bill by 28 votes to 22, with about 25 abstentions.  
The latest view is that the Bill will be passed by the Chamber, but there is not the least hope of the Senate's approval.

It is learned in the lobbies that Government spokesmen have estimated the yield from capital levy, which may be paid between one and 10 years, will average £20,000,000 per annum for the ten years.  
With other measures under the Bill, the resources available will total about £67,000,000 per annum, from which must be deducted nearly £6,000,000 as the estimated total of taxation reliefs.

The Socialist Party unanimously decided at a meeting to support the Bill.  
The Right-Wing Republican Federation has unanimously condemned the proposals as a programme for Marxist revolutionary dictatorship.

## French Finance Bill Approved

Paris, Apr. 4.  
A meeting of the Finance Commission of the Chamber of Deputies to-day approved the Finance Bill by 25 to 18 votes, with one abstention.—*Reuter*.

## STOP PRESS

## INSURGENTS TAKE 8,000 PRISONERS

St. Jean de Luz, Apr. 4.  
Eight thousand prisoners were taken by the Insurgents at Lerida according to a Saragossa radio announcement.  
It is stated that 366 Loyalist militiamen who escaped to Luchon, have joined the Insurgents.  
French businessmen from Barcelona declared that the population had endured such privations that the prospect of a General Franco victory leaves them practically indifferent.  
It is rumoured that the Loyalists are about to move from Barcelona to Girona, 40 miles from the frontier.—*Reuter Special*.  
(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)



HE SMASHED  
RESISTANCE  
General Aranda (right) led the Insurgents in their devastating drive through Teruel. It was the success of the operations in this area which paved the way for the present swift advance which has encompassed Lerida and which... now threatens Barcelona.

## ROOSEVELT FACES BIG PROBLEMS

### Bankrupt Railways Only One Phase

Washington, Apr. 4.  
President Franklin Roosevelt faces the most baffling combination of problems since the worst days of 1932. The most urgent of them concerns the railways, of which one-third are bankrupt or in progress of re-organization.  
The week's schedule of business is as follows:  
To-day's conference of railway representatives;  
Obtaining the quick approval of the House of Representatives for the \$1,500,000,000 of R.R.C. funds to be made immediately available for loans to business;  
A practical retreat before House opposition and some form of compromise to the Re-organization Bill, which at present seeks to give the President extreme executive powers;  
The formulation of the relief policy for the next fiscal year, which will probably be considerably above the \$1,000,000,000 tentatively budgeted for.

He has also to consider the urgent necessity for decisions regarding Mexican expropriation of American oil interests, and whether he will accept the Senate's Finance and Tax Bill.

It is reported that President Roosevelt has submitted to pressure by sceptical big spenders, who are asking for a director in the assistance of business.—*United Press*.

## CHINESE MACHINE-GUN JAPANESE FROM PLANES

Hankow, Apr. 4.  
Chinese planes yesterday afternoon handled Japanese troops in the same way that Japanese planes handled General Sung Chieh-yuan's troops last July, when they machine-gunned the retreating Japanese columns north of Talerchwang, according to an announcement now released.  
The Chinese bombed the Japanese positions near Talerchwang twice yesterday.  
The retreating Japanese forces were in a helpless plight yesterday afternoon when hundreds are said to have fallen instantly to the rattling of Chinese machine guns.  
One Japanese division in the Talerchwang sector is completely isolated, both the highway and the railway being cut.—*United Press*.

## ITALIAN VOLUNTEER FORCES STRANGLING TORTOSA GARRISON

## Morella Falls And Army Poised For Dash Against Vinaroz Defence Lines

Hendaye, Apr. 4.  
The Insurgents have scored a three-fold victory. Following 21 months and 12 days of the bloodiest modern war, they entered the streets of Tortosa to-day.  
A Seville broadcast announced that Tortosa was already occupied, while other despatches said that Italian legionnaires had entered the outskirts, and it would be a matter of hours only to cut the coastal highway, strangulation thus forcing the Loyalists to capitulate.  
Apparently nothing is capable of stopping General Franco's men, and to-day they carried out a whirlwind finish on a 165 miles front. Loyalist troops flew into a panic and retreated, while the civilian population is infected with terror.

## Insurgents Attacking British Ships

London, Apr. 4.  
It became known in London to-day that following the receipt of a telegram on April 1 from the captains of five British ships in Tarragona harbour to the effect that they were being subjected to deliberate and daily air attacks, although the nationality of the vessels was plainly visible and there was no military objective in the vicinity, the British Agent at Burgos was instructed to inform the Nationalist authorities of the captains' statements, and to urge that immediate instructions be given to cease these attacks on British shipping.  
The vessels concerned were the *McCloughan*, *Stanwell*, *Cenozo*, *Flowergate*, and *Kentispool*.—*British Wireless*.

## DOMINIONS' SUPPORT ASSURED

**MacDonald Senses  
Security In  
Empire's Power**

London, Apr. 5.  
Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary for the Dominions, winding up the debate for the Government on Labour's vote of censure last night, emphasised that the British policy certainly had not been dictated by any weakness.  
"If our policy of appeasement fails, and Britain is drawn into war, we can make a contribution to that war which will be decisive," he said.  
"Britain is powerful, not only on account of her great wealth, her military and naval strength, and the superb qualities of the people when tested, but because we draw our unique strength from the fact that we are the centre of an Empire whose territories stretch right round the earth."  
He was convinced that the great majority of fellow citizens in the Dominions agreed with the British Government's policy. Mr. Chamberlain had said he could give many proofs of the Dominions' support, but he contented himself by quoting the recent statement of General Hertzog, saying that Mr. Chamberlain had his full support.  
Mr. MacDonald concluded by asking the House of Commons to show the same measure of support.—*Reuter*.

## Chinese Alert To Thwart Enemy Moves

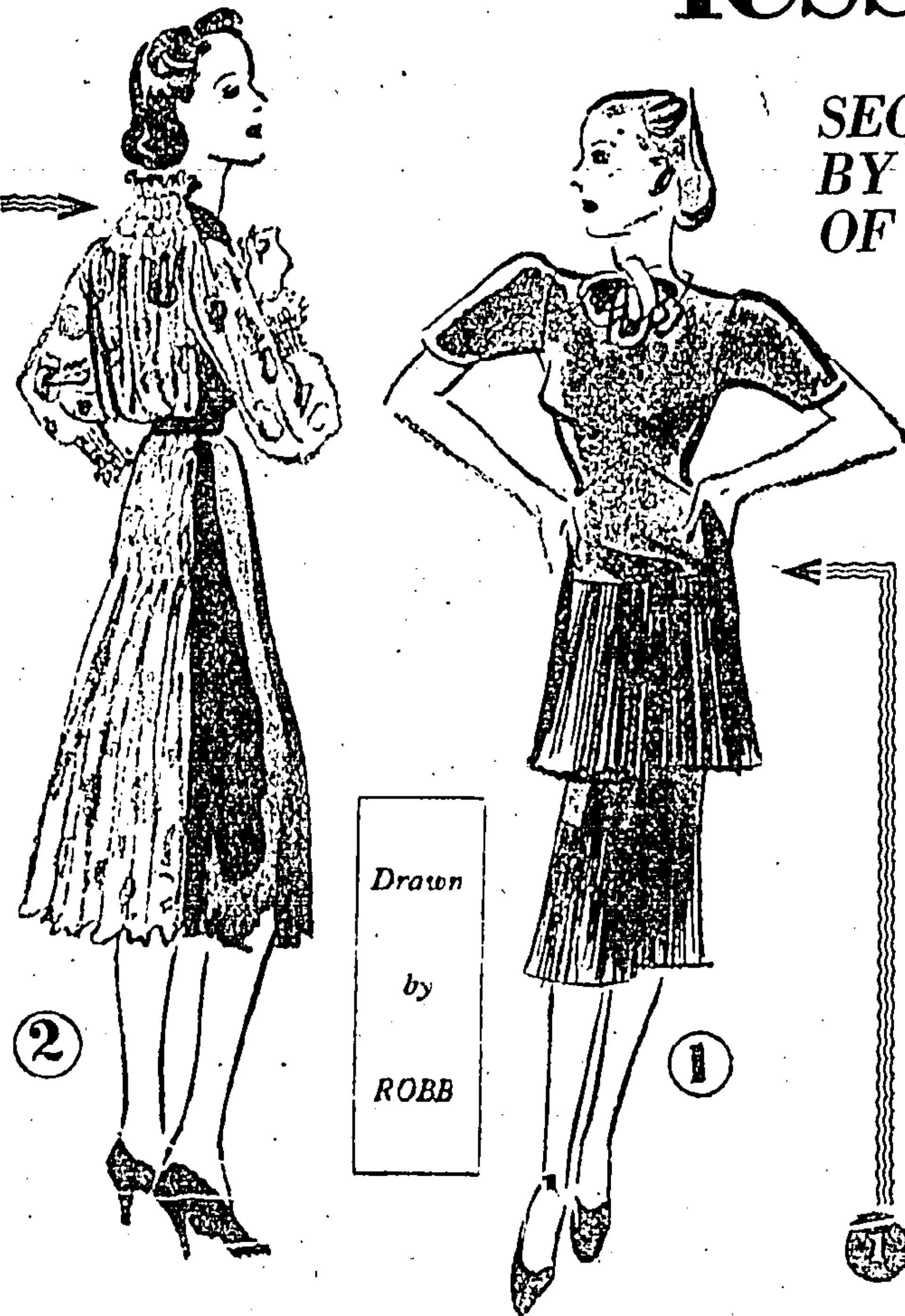
**"Agents" Keep Watch  
In San Francisco**

San Francisco, Apr. 4.  
A high Chinese Government official to-day stated that Chinese shrimp fishermen in the Bay area were all "patriotic agents" of China and watch very closely the harbour activity in the light of the Sino-Japanese conflict.  
Especially strict surveillance had been kept on the schooner Kwangyuan, which yesterday was the scene of a riot between Chinese members of the crew and three Japanese officers. Three times it had been reported at night time running with lights low, indicating that it might be attempting to depart without a clearance certificate to Osaka. On such occasions the Chinese Consul, Mr. C. C. Huang, had taken action which caused the despatch of a Coast Guard cutter. On one occasion the cutter had heard the Kwangyuan's anchor returning to the water.  
The shrimp camps are at Hunter's Point, which commands a view of the Bay shipping and the channels nearby. It is reliably stated that on Sunday the Coast Guard cutters were in a position to stop the Kwangyuan riot because the shrimp men had previously policed activity on the vessel, and had advised the Chinese Consul. It is believed the Kwangyuan is ready to put to sea.—*United Press*.



# Afternoon frocks are more sophisticated, less dressy

SECOND DAY OF SUMMARY  
BY ROBB AND LUCY MILNER  
OF THE NEW SPRING SHOWS



Drawn  
by  
ROBB

**T**WO points stood out about afternoon frocks in the early dress shows this year.

First, frocks were sophisticated rather than dressy; second, hardly any prints were shown at all. In colour, black and navy blue were easy winners.

At first it was impossible to tell whether these were only individual ideas of one or two designers, but as the same theme appeared in show after show during the week I realised that here was a main trend of fashion.

## All kinds of pleating

**P**LEATS are used even more on afternoon frocks than they are on suits. Often they make the only trimming—running first one way, then the other; stitched down or left open; stepped up on a skirt or panelled into a bodice.

A line which appeared again and again in the later shows was pleating which started, not from the waist of a frock, but from the hips. More sophisticated than an entirely pleated skirt, which always has something of a schoolgirl look about it.

Waistlines are lower, often carried right on down to the hips and emphasised there by panels of pleating or lines of stitching. Eccentricities like boned corsets worn over a dress showed up now and again, but the moulded, draped waists of last year are gone.

## Flower Feature

**A**T one show I saw the nice idea of pinning a flower on each lapel of a long coat; when the coat comes off you find the same bunch of flowers printed on the frock underneath.

What prints there are small; formal, Oriental designs, or chintzy, daisy patterns. You remember last year's craze for light printed jackets over dark frocks? This year they've reversed it, put plain jackets over printed frocks, the jacket picking up one colour of the print.

## Not so many suits

**T**AILORED afternoon suits in silks and satins were so much talked up by fashion forecasters that I expected to see more of them. Actually they did appear a few times in every show, but weren't all that prominent. If you feel you'd like one—and they're pretty smart—have it made of ottoman silk or alpaca, cut plain as a man's suit, and wear it with a pleated chiffon blouse.

## TRENDS

**N**ECKLINES are high but plain; lots of round and childish collars; several simple Vs. There's a pleasant, young-looking fashion for putting a casual little jacket, short and swinging, or belted, over a frock of the same colour.

**B**ODICES are tight as you can take them, and tight right on down over that difficult line, your diaphragm. An easier-to-wear variation is a straight, flat panel running from neck to waist, fullness shirred in from the sides all the way down.

**S**KIRTS are supple and flowing, following your movements as you walk, with bunchy pleating or folds front or back. Length: slightly shorter—fifteen inches from the ground.

**M**ATERIALS: Dull rather than shiny; fine wool, crepe, romaine, alpaca, jersey; ottoman silk, heavy crepe de Chine.

**T**RIMMINGS: Embroidery; lace; bands of colour; details of pleats and panels.

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## Hints for Hostesses

**P**LANT your spring bulbs, such as parrot tulips, crocuses and snowdrops, in any odd antique wineglasses you may have. Place a wineglass in front of each guest, and you have something new and personal in the way of table decoration. Scarlet tulips are particularly attractive, for they look like a row of soldiers round the table. Especially if you cover up the earth with a bed of bright green moss.

## Home-made Mats

**T**HE season's newest table-mats can be made at home. Buy a yard of pastel linen to tone with your dining room colour scheme and cut it up into mats measuring about nine inches square. Fray the edges of the mats with a strong needle, so that you have a fringe about three-quarters of an inch wide.

If you're an embroiderer you can give the mats an expensive note by working your initials in a tiny circle in the centre in a contrasting silk. Lettuce-green linen with black or chestnut initials is a smart combination.

## From New York

**W**HEN your friends come in for a game of bridge after dinner use the plain wooden tray off your trolley for the cakes and biscuits. Use no traycloth, but place the cakes and biscuits in rows; a row of sugar biscuits, then a row of cakes, then a row of plain biscuits, and so forth. This excellent idea from New York makes it easy for the guests to see at a glance what you have to offer them.

## Glass Cups

**T**HE smartest way to serve your coffee is in glass cups and saucers. A favourite pattern has silver stars on clear glass. The price of these is 4s. 6d. for a cup and saucer.

## Ramekins

**M**OST hostesses begin their luncheon party with some form of egg dish in individual ramekins. Just on the market is a set of ramekins in heavy pottery on a tray of the same pottery. The ramekins have tiny handles so that the tray can be handed round easily and guests can help themselves. The top of the tray and the inside of the ramekins are lined with colour to match your dinner service, while the outside is painted a deep cream. The price for four ramekins and tray complete is 7s. 11d.

## CHINA CARE

**V**ERY delicate and valuable china must be treated as carefully as one would a week-old baby. It must be sponged carefully, not washed ruthlessly like ordinary cups and saucers.

Then again it is foolish to let a servant wash valuable crockery. It is not fair on her to give her so much responsibility. Wash your china yourself, then you have only yourself to blame if it is broken.

Don't put too much soap in the water; this makes the china slippery and leads to disastrous results.

If you find a permanent place for your small Chinese cups or valuable plates, either on a shelf or arranged up the stairs, why not stick them in place? This plan is adopted by many experienced collectors.

Don't bore your friends with lengthy descriptions of how and where you got certain pieces of china. If they are not collectors themselves, then you will find that the limit of their interest in that piece you paid so many pounds for will be a polite, "How pretty!"

Be careful where you place your most valuable pieces. Remember that the rumble of a passing lorry might shake them down from the picture rail.

M. F.

## HOME HINTS

**W**HEN washing fragile fabrics in hard water add a few drops of glycerine. Pure glycerine will remove stains from all washable materials. Apply with a soft pad to the affected part and leave for a few minutes; then wash the garment in the usual way.

Blackened moistened with a little methylated spirits will make the kitchen stove shine.

Lacquered trays should never be washed. Clean them with a cloth dipped in olive oil.

Hard leather can be softened if it is sponged with warm water, dried thoroughly, then rubbed all over with olive oil.

Paint stains on glass can be removed with turpentine.

Before beginning to wash dishes, rinse those which have contained egg, milk, or flour in cold water before placing them in hot water.

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# Hawaii To Become Gibraltar of Pacific: 20-Year Plan Adopted

## Navy Completes Food Plan

### CONVOY SYSTEM AN INTEGRAL PART

(By HECTOR C. BYWATER)  
It is understood that the Royal Navy has now completed plans for the maintenance of food and other essential supplies in war time. These plans are regarded as being adequate for every contingency.

For the past two years the problem has engaged the attention of the Plans Division of the Admiralty. Normally this Division is administered by a Director, a Deputy Director and an Assistant Director, but in recent months three further Assistant Directors have been appointed.

Twelve other Naval and Marine officers are on the permanent staff, while certain additional officers have been attached to the Division for special duty.

**WAR EXPERT RECALLED**  
Among the latter is Paymaster Rear-Admiral Sir Eldon Marist, who was largely responsible for the organization of the convoy system in 1917. Sir Eldon was recalled from retirement more than a year ago. Until recently the Admiralty was opposed to the adoption of the convoy system immediately war broke out owing to the serious delays in traffic which are inseparable from this system.

Instead they proposed to divert merchant shipping from the ordinary routes in the hope of foiling enemy raiders. It is believed, however, that this policy has since been somewhat modified, thanks in part to the larger number of cruisers, destroyers and anti-submarine vessels which will soon be available.

That oil tankers and ships with particularly valuable cargoes will be conveyed from the first is regarded as probable.

**GUNS FOR MERCHANTMEN**  
Defence against enemy aircraft at sea will be provided by escort vessels of the new Bittern class, armed entirely with high-angle 4-inch guns, and by old cruisers rearmed with 10 to 12 of these weapons.

Further, all merchant ships above a certain tonnage will be armed with heavy quick-firing guns, machine-guns and paravanes.

Instruction in the use of this defensive equipment has already been given to many hundreds of merchant navy officers, and it is estimated that in the near future the greater part of the officer personnel of the merchant navy will have received such training.

## SONJA HENIE IN THE SUN



SONJA HENIE, queen of the ice, courts the sun at the Roney Plaza Cabana Club, Miami, while waiting for engineers to complete an artificial ice rink in the Orange Bowl, for her ice revue.

## "HONOUR-SLAYING" NOT MURDER

Los Angeles.

MANY noted film stars heard a Los Angeles jury to-day return a verdict of manslaughter in the "honour-slaying" murder trial, which had lasted four weeks.

Paul Wright, 38-years-old head of the Los Angeles Airport, was accused of shooting his wife, Evelyn, and his best friend, John Kimmel.

The prosecution demanded that Wright should be found guilty of "murder in some degree." The jury's verdict of manslaughter on two counts, returned after three hours, carries a sentence of from one to ten years' imprisonment on each count.

Wright was alleged to have shot and killed his wife and friend when he found them embracing in his apartment.

His lawyers pleaded temporary insanity, due to shell-shock in the war, and the "unwritten law."

**CO-EDS SPEAK ONLY FRENCH**

Los Angeles.

At the Maison Francaise, a girls' dormitory on the campus of the University of California here, the 20 inmates speak only French.

## ULTRA-MODERN EQUIPMENT FOR AMERICAN BASE

By Wendell Burch

United Press Staff Correspondent

Honolulu, Mar. 15.

The United States army and navy are rapidly completing a twenty-year programme designed to make Hawaii "the Gibraltar of the Pacific."

Assignment of new ultra-modern fighting aircraft and naval forces to the islands combined with record breaking military appropriations which totalled \$33,000,000 last year indicate that Hawaii is scheduled to become a compact insular arsenal.

At present, authorities are concentrating on air defence. The navy's recent mass flight of twenty planes from San Diego to Honolulu was regarded as a significant test of aerial defence co-operation between Hawaii and the mainland.

Army plans envisage maintenance of 250 planes here. Of these 225 are expected to be provided by the end of 1938. Recently 18 new bombers arrived from California, bring the total to 42 to date. Twenty-four bombers are expected to arrive before next winter, many of which will replace obsolete types.

Meanwhile, the army's thirty-first bombing squadron comprised of thirteen planes, and additional air forces are scheduled for transfer here.

New airport and fighting base projects under construction include the army's \$18,000,000 Hickham Field. The airport expected to be completed by 1940. Typical of last year's projects was the development of an underground storage munitions depot costing \$1,580,000.

Major General Andrew Moses, Army Commandant, reported the army spent a total of \$20,840,000 in Hawaii last year while Rear Admiral Oring Murfin reported the navy spent nearly \$4,000,000 during the same period in district improvements, hence naval expenses including the pay-roll last year totalled \$13,000,000. — United Press.

### WORLD ARMY ADVANCED

Berkeley, Cal.

Two hundred greetings in nine different languages were sent to students throughout the world at the end of 1937, according to E. F. Lovett, president of the American Fellowship.

## EMPIRE NEWS

### FRONTIER FIGHTING IN INDIA

New Delhi.

A raid by a gang of 50 tribesmen, at Spinwar, near Mirali, in North Waziristan, is significant because a poorly-made field-gun, of tribal manufacture, belonging to the Fakir of Ipi, was used. It is evidence of the venomous anti-Government propaganda on which this turbulent leader of the frontier is still engaged.

Those of the tribes who were engaged in the hostilities of last autumn are now mostly, according to custom, grazing their farm stock or working as labourers in the settled districts of the plains.

There are still half a dozen of the Fakir's gang as leaders in the hills. With the agitation continuing—as shown by this recent action—the next critical period will be when the semi-nomadic tribesmen return from the plains in the spring to summer in hills, when—in border language—the new shooting season begins.

**Nizam and Federation.**—There is considerable disappointment in some quarters at the continued reluctance of the Nizam of Hyderabad on the subject of federation. It was believed that he would signify his support in his speech at the State banquet to the Viceroy, the Marquess of Linlithgow, who is now paying his first official visit to Hyderabad State. The Nizam, however, carefully evaded the point, except to repeat his former vague promise to submit the question to his subjects.

**The Aga Khan's Mother.**—The Lady Ali Shah, mother of the Aga Khan, has completely recovered from the illness that brought her son to India on Nov. 24. She is leaving for Arabia. The Aga Khan leaves tomorrow for a tour of the Punjab.

**Abolition of Titles.**—The United Provinces Assembly to-day unanimously passed a resolution "to convey to the authorities concerned the considered opinion of the House that the practice of conferring titles and decorations in India should be abolished." A similar resolution was passed by the Bombay Assembly on Tuesday.—Reuter.

**British Officer's Death.**—Capt. A. M. Best, of the Political Department of the Government of India, died at Peshawar to-day from injuries received in a riding accident. Capt. Best was acting as city magistrate of Peshawar.—Reuter.

East Africa

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST RINDERPEST

Nairobi.  
A conference of African Veterinary officers, representing the Union, Portuguese East Africa, Northern and Southern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, the Belgian Congo, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda, has recommended an immediate campaign co-operatively carried out, to exterminate the virulent cattle plague, rinderpest.

**Mr. Cherry Kearlton's Escape.**—Mr. Cherry Kearlton, the well-known naturalist, and Mrs. Cherry Kearlton, who are now in Kenya, have had an unpleasant experience in a narrow gorge near Lake Naivasha named Hell's Gate. They were caught in raging grass fires, and were only saved by a sudden drop of the wind, which enabled them to fight their way through the flames.

### U.S. MINT'S FOREIGN COINS

Philadelphia.  
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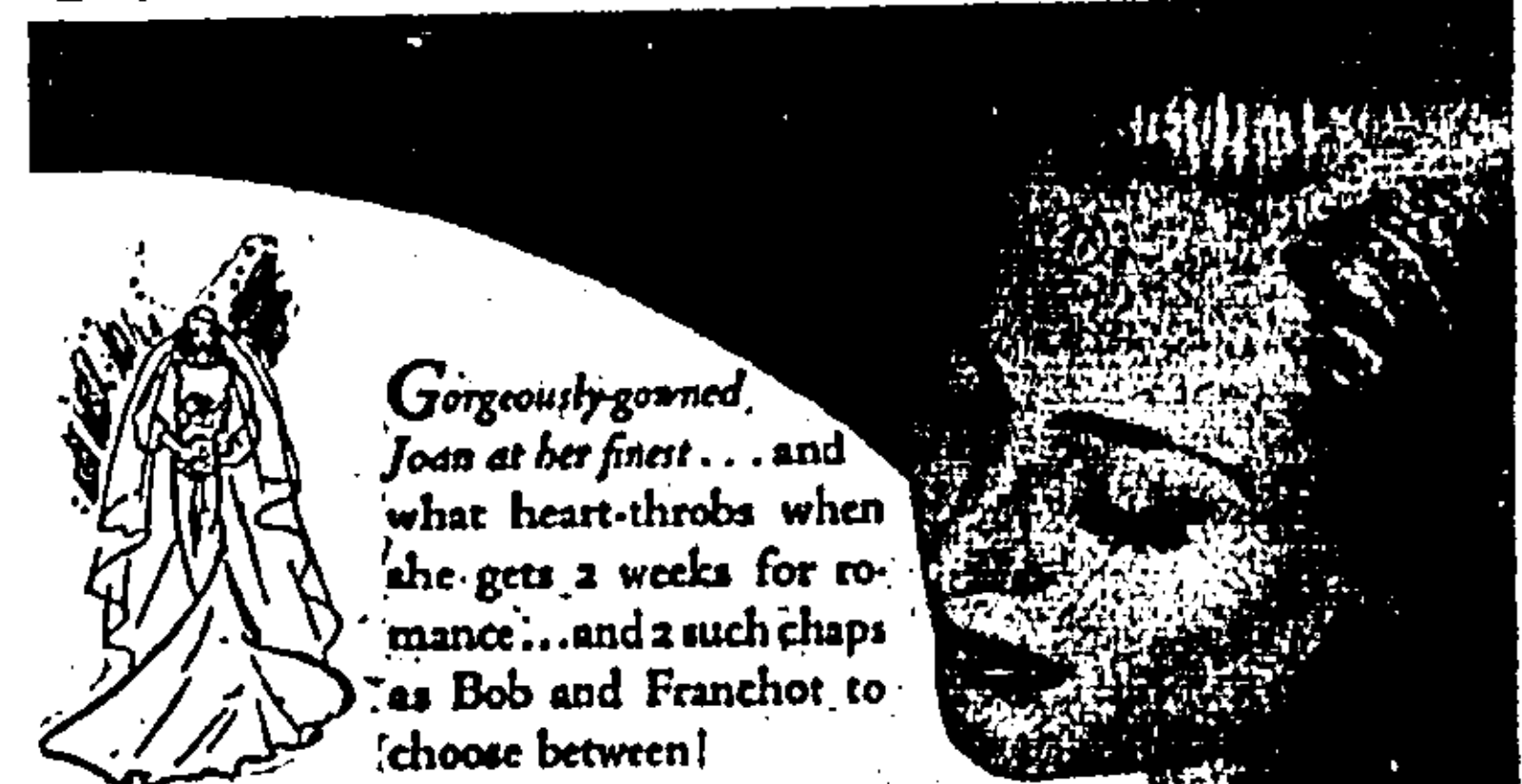
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# Chamberlain Asserts Course Vindicated

## ASSAILS LABOUR ON ALLEGED POLICY OF DEFENSIVE UNIONS

### Alliance with France and Russia Would Certainly Carry Country into War

London, Apr. 4.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, was loudly cheered by Government supporters when he rose to reply to the Labour motion of censure in the House of Commons this afternoon.

He recalled that less than a fortnight ago he made a lengthy and carefully considered statement regarding the policy of the Government, and he was of the opinion that it would not serve any useful purpose if he repeated it even though in somewhat different terms.

Mr. Chamberlain alleged that the Labour Party was endeavouring to exploit for party purposes, the difficulties of the international situation. He was convinced they were profoundly mistaken, for from all the sources of information he had been able to draw, the policy of the Government had won general approval, not only with the whole country, but practically the whole world, with the possible exception of Russia.

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the League, said it was still a fact that they looked forward to the time when the League would be so strengthened and revitalized that it would be an effective instrument for the prevention of war and the establishment of settled peace in the world. They would do their best to increase the efficiency of the League until it was capable of performing these functions. They still intended to make the fullest use of the League within the limits which must be recognized, but to-day the League was in no state to fulfil the conditions which Lord Baldwin had laid down as being essential for collective security.

To deny that was merely a piece of wilful and transparent hypocrisy.

#### Criticises Labour Party Manifesto

Examining the principal points of the recent Labour Party manifesto, Mr. Chamberlain said that one of the proposals contained therein constituted nothing less than a proposal for an offensive and defensive alliance between France, Russia and Britain, against some other power, or group of powers. Could that be called collective security? It only showed that the Party opposite were bothered to look at the mixture inside the bottle so long as the label on the outside was right. (Laughter). The proposal would divide Europe into two camps, and so far from making a contribution towards peace, would inevitably plunge Britain into war.

It might be a good plan to call a world conference to discuss political and economic appeasement, said the Premier, but he was of the opinion that discussion between individual powers was much more likely to be successful in removing the existing causes of friction.

#### No Time For Election

Mr. Chamberlain said the Government had no intention of changing its policy regarding non-intervention in Spain. He asserted that no Government with an ample majority could go to the country on such feeble opposition, adding that it was no time to disturb the country which was in the throes of an armaments programme.

The fighting qualities of Mr. Chamberlain's speech, and the arguments with which he sought to answer the Opposition points, aroused Government supporters to a high pitch of enthusiasm.—*Reuter*.

#### Heavy Defeat Of Censure Motion

The House of Commons defeated the Labour Party's motion of censure by 359 votes to 152.—*Reuter*.

#### Mr. Greenwood's Allegations

On rising to take part in the House of Commons debate on the Labour Party's motion of censure of the government the Prime Minister, who was received with prolonged cheers, said it was fifteen months on foreign affairs in nine weeks, and that such concentrated attention on one subject must be unprecedented in British Parliamentary history.

The debate was raised by Mr. Arthur Greenwood, who directed chief attention to the Spanish situation and to the question of foreign assistance to the insurgent forces. Mr. Greenwood said he could give particulars of the number of new aeroplanes which had gone to Spain since Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation. He could prove a large accession of

## Hongkong's Best Burglar Captured

Carries Canton Prison Stamp

"The defendant professes to be the best burglar in Hongkong," said Det.-Sergeant Bentley to Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistrate's Court to-day when he prosecuted a man named Au Tim on four charges of burglary. Au Tim was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and a conviction was registered on a further charge, possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose.

Another man named Wong Tong was sentenced to six months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty to one of the burglary charges against Au Tim. Det.-Sergeant Bentley said that a detective on seeing the two defendants acting in a suspicious manner in Tin Lok Lane yesterday, stopped and searched them. He found the first defendant to have a cork screw tied around his legs, a big bunch of keys in his pockets, and also a torch light. They were arrested, and following enquiries they were charged.

Both the men, continued the Sergeant, had Canton prison stamps on their legs. It was the first defendant's boast that he was the best burglar in the Colony.

The House of the first defendant broke into were situated in Robinson Road, Morrison Hill Road and Hennessy Road, and on all occasions, watches and articles of clothing were stolen. The two men were recommended for banishment.

## JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFFS

Judgment against both defendants with costs was delivered by the Chief Justice, Sir Abell MacGregor, at the Supreme Court this morning, in the action brought by the Union Trading Company, claiming \$5,169.45, being the price of old newspapers bargained for and sold, against the Kwok Man Chau Ka (restaurant) and Chiu Chiu-ling, managing partner thereof, the New Kwok Man Chau Ka, the Tung Hing Company and Li Po-yuen. The last three, it was stated by Counsel for the plaintiffs, were included as defendants because they were the transferees of the business and as such were equally liable.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almeida, J., instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, appeared for the plaintiff, and defendants were represented by Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ.

## TWO CHARGED IN BANK FRAUD CASE

Leung Po, 35, unemployed, and Ho Mong-sang, 18, office boy, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning charged with having unlawfully obtained \$14,000 from the Oversea Chinese Banking Corporation. Au Young Sau-chaun, 16, single woman, was accused of receiving from the second defendant the sum of \$9,550, knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. S. Ng Quinn appeared to defend Leung Po, while Mr. E. I. Wynne-Jones told the Court he would be prosecuting.

## CAR DRIVERS FINED

Several Europeans were this morning fined \$5 each by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistrate's Court for having parked their motorcars in the Charter Road car park for a continuous period of over two hours on March 21.

Those fined were Mrs. C. J. Dobbs, Messrs. R. M. Pearce, D. J. Wilson and B. M. Bateman.

Mr. Z. Velch was fined \$5 for having parked his car in Duddell Street on March 21 without a permit.

## FOUND GUILTY OF ABDUCTION

Four months' hard labour was imposed on Lam Kit, unemployed baker, who was charged with having abducted Leung Tai-mui, 14, on March 22, when he came before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

Chan See, married woman, said that she had only asked defendant to borrow money from the girl's mother and not to bring the girl to Macao.

Defendant throughout the hearing maintained that Chan See asked him to bring the girl to Macao.

## VAGRANT DETAINED

Baga Singh, 32, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning with being a vagrant in the Colony. It was stated that defendant had come from Shanghai. He was committed to the House of Detention.

## CHINESE ESTATES DIVIDEND APPROVED

Sound Financial Position

Considering the sound financial position of the Company, the directors had decided on a final dividend of \$3 making a total of \$9 for the year compared to \$8 for the previous year, said Mr. Leung Kwai-tin, chairman, at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Chinese Estates, Limited, held at the Company's offices to-day.

Those present were Messrs. Leung Kwai-tin, Lau Tak-po, Leung Ting-kai, and Fung Ping-fan (Directors), Kenneth Fung, Fung Ching-ko, Lo Chung-wah, Lai Bin-wo and Mok Han. Two Directors, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotevall and Mr. Li Yau-tsun were unable to be present owing to an important meeting at Government House.

The Chairman said: "As the report of the directors and statement of accounts have been forwarded for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, take them as read."

The auditor of the company, Mr. Li Tung, reports on the balance sheet as follows: "I report that I have audited the above balance sheet with the books and vouchers of the Chinese Estates, Limited, and have received all the information and explanations I have required. In my opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs as at February 28, 1938, according to the best of my information and the explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Company."

The net profit for the year, after providing for "Reserve for Depreciation on China Buildings" (\$30,000-00), directors' and auditor's fees and all expenses, amounts to \$98,103.54 which, added to \$211,359.76 brought forward from last account shows a total of \$309,463.30.

#### INCREASED PROFIT

The net profit for the year shows an increase of \$5,527.80 over that of the previous year. There are three items in the accounts that call for comment. First is the sum of \$2,238.21 expended on repairs on the premises against \$1,346.82 for the previous year. The increase is accounted for by the fact that over \$1,800.00 was incurred in connection with the improvement of the 8th floor which has since been let, and about \$3,000.00 was expended on alteration of partitions and on extension repairs to China Building which was erected over 15 years ago.

The second item is the extraordinary expenditure of \$10,460.19, incurred on the advice of the Company's electrical engineers, on the installation of two motor-generator sets. This disbursement is justified by a monthly saving of \$300.00 in the consumption of electricity. This in three years the capital expenditure will be more than covered by savings. The third item calling for comment is the sum of \$30,000.00 provided for reserve for depreciations on China Buildings, which is \$10,000.00 less than that for the previous year. The appropriation of this smaller sum has been made after careful consideration by your directors, with the concurrence of the auditor, having due regard to the fact that over \$10,000.00 has been added to the value of the building as represented by the motor-generator sets, and by the extensive repairs that were effected during the year.

#### INCREASED DIVIDEND

There have already been three payments of interim dividends of \$2 per share, amounting, in all to \$6. Your directors are now pleased to recommend the payment of a final dividend of \$3 per share, making a total of \$9 per share for the year, as compared with \$8 for the previous year. Your directors consider that the financial position of the Company justifies the payment of this larger dividend. You will be glad to hear that owing to the advantageous situation of China Building, all the shops on the ground floor and all office rooms on the upper floors are let; and that the amount of outstanding rents due by tenants has been substantially reduced.

After payment of the final dividend, which absorbs \$49,500.00 there will be a balance of \$160,963.30, which your directors propose, with your approval, to carry forward to new account.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I desire to express my appreciation of the close co-operation of my colleagues on the board of directors and of the secretary and the other members of the staff.

The Chairman's report and statement of accounts were then seconded by Mr. Lo Chung-wah.

On the proposal of Mr. Lo Chung-wah, seconded by Mr. Lau Tak-po, Messrs. Fung Ping-fan and Leung Ting-kai were re-elected as Directors of the Company.

Mr. Li Tung was also re-elected auditor of the Company.

#### SHIPS IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATION

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong Radio Station: City of Ulsterburg, Alexia, Dilwara, Takshang, Pingwo, Empress of Japan, Hallow, Chakrang, M/S Siam, Potsdam and Naldera.

## Flower Day Brings \$4,254 For Children

Women's Auxiliary To S.P.C. Meets

The Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children, held its monthly meeting at the Helena May Institute at 9.30 a.m. this morning. Mrs. Middleton-Smith was in the Chair.

The Treasurer reported on the results of the Flower Day, and stated that the total amount received was \$4,254.

A vote of thanks was passed for Miss Shun Tak-hing and Miss Choy Wai-nan of the Chinese Young Women's Christian Association, for the co-operation extended to the Society.

The Committee discussed arrangements in connection with the attendance of ladies at the Juvenile Court. The Committee then made the final arrangements in connection with the Annual Ball to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, April 8. The programme of cabaret items had been drawn up, and the following artists will take part:

Esme Haskell will croon a number of well-known numbers; R. P. O. Gilt will entertain; Azalia Reynolds will give an exhibition of her versatile dancing; and musical items will be provided by Rosemary Gambier, Eric Wilson and David Spreckley.

The Committee expressed grateful thanks to the Star Ferry Company for a promise to arrange late ferries. A letter was read from Mrs. Hicks, thanking the Women's Auxiliary for their farewell wishes and for the presents sent by them prior to her departure for England.

Mrs. Middleton-Smith said that a letter had been received from Major-General A. W. Bartholomew, regretting his inability to attend the Ball, and enclosing a donation of \$50, for which the Committee expressed grateful thanks.

Mrs. Middleton-Smith said that half the proceeds of the sale of tickets to the Dolly Varden Mannequin Parade, being held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, will be donated to the Society for the Protection of Children, and it is hoped that it will be passed on to the Women's Auxiliary.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m.

## JAPANESE OFFENSIVE FRUSTRATED

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the north bank of the Yellow River in order to prevent the Chinese from sending supplies and food to troops operating in the south-east of the province. The Japanese were sending detachments from the Tatung-Puchow railway to attack Chinese units in different places. They had constructed strong defences at Fenglingtu, but, discovering a weak sector in the Japanese line, in the vicinity of Pinglu and Yuanmeh, Chinese forces crossed the river, and formed a junction with their comrades in south-east Shansi.

The Chinese had cut communications between Tungyangkwan and Changchi.

#### Plan Abandoned

The original Japanese plan to clear Shansi of Chinese troops and to cross the Yellow River from West Shansi to Shensi, and simultaneously for the Japanese forces in western Suiyuan to advance to Shensi from north-eastern Shansi, after the failure of the Japanese drive in the Shansi and Suiyuan campaign, had been abandoned.

The Kwangteh battle was by far the most important engagement on the eastern front. After the capture of the town, the Chinese troops cut the highway to Hangchow and Nanking.

The spokesman maintained the Japanese reports to the effect that 20,000 Chinese were surrounded at Kwangteh represented the original Japanese plan, which had failed, as assaults had been checked.

At Hangchow the Chinese troops crossed the Chientang River and re-occupied Huaiyen. Japanese troops in the southern section of the Tientsin-Pukow railway, General Chan concluded, had been rendered inactive as the Chinese in the hills west of Pengpu, Chuechow and Mingchow were keeping the Japanese engaged continuously.

This review of the military situation was assisted by a number of well-prepared military maps.—*Reuter*.

#### Chinese Claim Gains

Hankow, Apr. 5. Chinese military headquarters claim not only that the Japanese have neither crossed the Grand Canal, nor captured Taiherchwang and Hangchow, but that the Chinese still hold portions of the towns, and that complete occupation is expected at any moment.

Chinese military headquarters also claim that operations south-west of Shanghai where the Chinese are probing for a depletion in the Japanese forces who have been withdrawn to reinforce the Tientsin-Pukow railway front, are proceeding satisfactorily. Yesterday it was officially claimed that the Chinese cut the Nanking-Hangchow highway, while their forces expect to cut the Shanghai-Hangchow

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railway, less than 70 miles south of Shanghai, at any minute.—*Reuter*.

## Furious Fighting Still Rages Around Taiherchwang

Hsuechow, Apr. 5. Littered with ruins and corpses the villages around Taiherchwang on the northern sector of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway continue to be the scene of bitter engagements between Chinese and Japanese forces.

Though driven out of the town of Taiherchwang, the Japanese are reported to be still occupying Liuchih-hu, Sanlichwang, Pengchailou and Sinehwan, villages in the neighbourhood. They were surrounded by the Chinese yesterday and the day before, but still fought desperately, hoping for the arrival of reinforcements.

Reporting to General Li Chung-jen, commanding the Chinese forces on the Shantung front yesterday, the Chinese commanding officer at Taiherchwang stated that subjected to the Chinese enveloping attack during the last two days, the Japanese had suffered heavy losses. Street fighting was especially severe on April 3.

On April 4 assisted by seven planes and 20 field pieces, the Japanese, the Chinese commanding officer stated, rushed the Chinese lines at Taiherchwang in an attempt to regain the strategic town. The Chinese defenders put up stiff resistance. One of the Japanese planes was hit by Chinese fire and crashed at Sanlichwang, a village in the neighbourhood.

Toward evening the Japanese troops themselves wearing gas masks, the commanding officer continued, launched another onslaught with tear gas bombs, but still failed to dislodge the Chinese forces.—*Central News*.

#### Chinese Planes Bomb Retreating Japanese

Hankow, Apr. 5. Chinese planes twice bombed the Japanese troops between Taiherchwang and Yihai on the north Tientsin-Pukow Railway front yesterday. The first raid was carried out in the morning when a large squadron of Chinese planes heavily bombed the Japanese troops on both sides of the railway at Likou.

In the afternoon another squadron of Chinese planes flew to the villages north-east of Taiherchwang to bomb and machine-gun the retreating troops. The Japanese brought their anti-aircraft guns into action but all Chinese planes returned safely to their base.—*Central News*.

#### Fall Of Puh sien Admitted

Chengchow, April 5. The fall of Puh sien in west Shantung is admitted by Chinese official reports, which reveal that some 5,000 Japanese troops, equipped with heavy artillery and tanks, have entered the city.

These Japanese, the reports state, presumably plan to cross the Yellow River at Puh sien and strike eastward to reinforce their comrades on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway who are now in a precarious position.

The Chinese troops which withdrew from Puh sien are now in the villages in the neighbourhood ready to launch a counter-attack upon the arrival of reinforcements whilst large numbers of troops are concentrated on the Yellow River bank to meet the Japanese attack.—*Central News*.

#### Chinese Forces Near Iling

Kwangteh, Apr. 5. Hotly pursuing the retreating Japanese troops, a Chinese column has retaken Huchachen and Chuen-puchen, south of Iling, and is now fast advancing on the latter city.—*Central News*.

#### Chinese Under Fuyang Gate

Tunglu, Apr. 5. Smashing the Japanese lines at Tai pingkiao in the suburban district, a batch of Chinese vanguards is reported to have reached the western city gate of Fuyang.—*Central News*.

## QUEEN MARY TOURS SOUTH WALES

London, Apr. 4. Queen Mary left London this afternoon for a tour of South Wales. She travelled in the Royal Saloon attached to the ordinary express train to Cardiff. Despite efforts to keep Her Majesty's departure as private as possible, a large crowd thronged the station approaches and cheered Queen Mary when she arrived. *British Wireless*.

## Stock Market Stronger

London, April 4.

The London Stock Exchange was firmer to-day owing to the satisfactory progress in the Anglo-Italian talks and the week-end rally on Wall Street. Gilt-edged holdings and foreign bonds were especially good, while European bonds were firmer. Kaffirs encountered support. Rubbers were higher, and Industrials occasionally closed below the best.

Among the commodities, rubber, after being firmer, reacted in disappointing fashion.

On the New York and foreign exchange, there was a sharp rally by the French franc in the afternoon following publication of the new Finance Bill, the rate improving to 159. Recovery was due to bear covering, prompted partly by fears of exchange control, and partly by relief. In some quarters it is believed that the Bill will be selected, thus bringing down the Blum Cabinet, and clearing the way to the formation of a National Government.—*Reuter*.

## INSURGENTS' NEW DRIVE IRRESISTIBLE

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or mobilisation have answered the call to the colours.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

#### H.M.S. Hood At Barcelona

London, Apr. 4. It is announced that H.M.S. Hood has arrived at Barcelona where the commander will discuss with the British authorities there the question of the safety of British nationals, and to arrange for an early evacuation should necessity arise.—*British Wireless*.

#### Tortosa Officially Captured

Gibraltar, Apr. 4. Broadcasting from the Seville radio station, General Del Lano announced that Tortosa had been captured.—*Reuter*.





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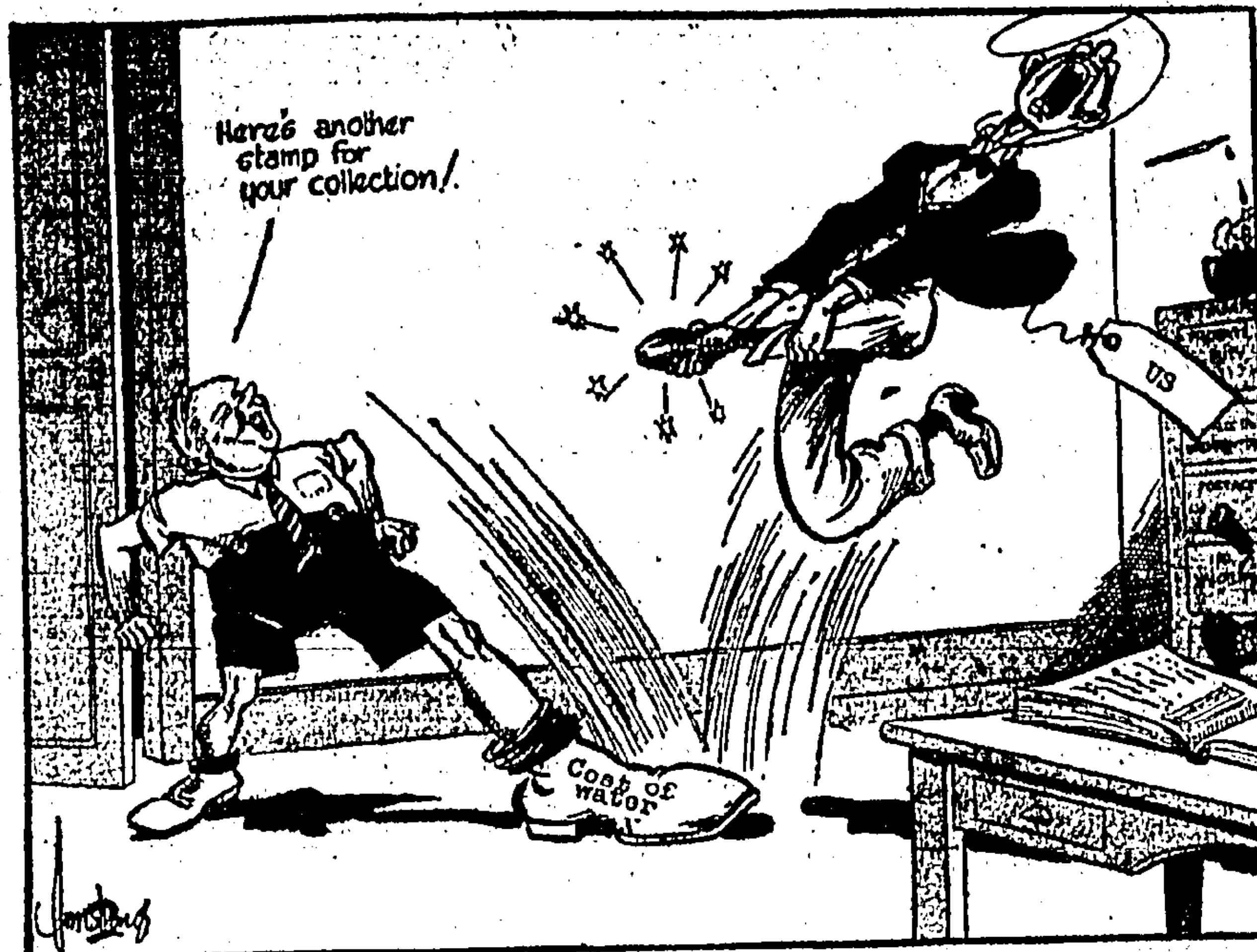
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TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1938.

## CHINA STANDS ALONE BUT NOW UNITED

The manifesto issued by the Kuomintang Congress, following its highly important and possibly fateful sessions, shows that the Chinese leaders are now fully aware of the fact that they can count upon no open and official "outside" assistance, except that which comes in the form of loans or armaments for which the Chinese Government will be expected to pay. They are facing up to this situation with a fine show of independence and the proper determination. Their decision to hitch China's fortunes to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's star of destiny is a moving piece of defiance to their powerful enemy. Abandoned by the League of Nations, unable to count upon the active assistance of any of the signatories of treaties which were to have safeguarded China from abuse by stronger neighbours, the leaders have done what self-respect demanded; they have announced their determination to continue the struggle no matter what the cost. For by elevating Chiang Kai-shek to the position of dictator they have shown that they approve of his doctrine of resistance, his uncompromising decision to meet force with force and to exact from Japan as great a price as possible for every yard of Chinese soil seized by the invading armies.

There is no longer any question about the unity of China. What the princes and governments of past centuries failed to accomplish, an invasion and the ability of one man have combined to achieve. Marshal Chiang is the individual about which this union centres. He is the symbol of the new nation, personifying the ambition, self-discipline and integrity which are the attributes of any successful people. He is such a man as Sun Yat-sen, and his name alone will be sufficient to rally the Chinese people in the defence of desperate causes in years to come. Foreign nations are inclined to doubt the truth of the claim that China has become unified, and perhaps with some justice argue that it is the pressure from without rather than any force from within which has brought about this cohesion. Let that pass for the time-being. It is enough that there is cohesion. When an audience of Hongkong Chinese jumps to its feet as one



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# Monarchs In Exile

By  
Kees Van Hoek  
Balkan Poker-Player

MONARCHS in exile were scarce before the World War.

Hospitable and secure England had given shelter to the only two: Napoleon III, who with the Empress Eugenie sought peace and forgetfulness in the old seclusion of Chislehurst, after the disastrous ending of the Franco-Prussian War; and Manoel of Portugal, who with his mother the Dowager Queen Amelie, escaped in the nick of time from the fury of a fierce Lisbon revolution to end his days at quiet Twickenham on the Thames.

But after Armageddon came the crowns began to roll over the streets of Europe's capitals and its reverberations were felt unto far lands and distant dynasties.

### The Squire Of Doorn

The most spectacular of the world's monarchs, Kaiser Wilhelm II, opened the galaxy, flying, one day before the Armistice, from Spa General Headquarters to nearby neutral Holland.

Though the octogenarian has now given up wood-cutting as too strenuous an exercise, he still tends his rose-gardens and goes for brisk walks with the children of his second wife, the German Princess Hermine. Realising that Hitler does not dream of recalling him, he has, mentally still very alert, settled down at Doorn to his old hobby of Egyptology and his own regular Sunday sermon.

His eldest grandson lost the imperial favour by marrying Dorothy de Salviati, a beautiful student from his Bonner University and since happy-go-lucky Prince Auri joined the Nazi movement the doors of the paternal home in Holland have been closed to him. But it was harder for the dignified Emperor Rex to see his only sister married—although subsequently divorced—to a derelict Rus-

man when the Marshal's picture is flashed on the screen of a theatre and ecstatically applauds each little gesture of this leader; when children in the darkened pit take up the song of soldiers of the Republic in their pathetic treble voices as the troops march across the screen; when old and sworn enemies of the new "dictator" take up arms in his defence, these are surely convincing evidence of the existence of a national spirit which even defeat cannot subdue. And finally there is the spectacle of the Kuomintang thrusting upon the Marshal greater power than any Government of the republic ever possessed. They know the consequences; for if they follow Marshal Chiang there will be no surrender. That is why they have put their trust in him, no doubt.

landlord of a modern flat building in Rome is a fall which bronzed bull-necked Amanullah survived without appearing much the worse for it.

Afghanistan, least civilized of all the independent States of the world, could not stand its King's Western injections and turned him out, hardly back from an amazing European gala tour. The few literate brigand chiefs, who seemed to have been left behind by oversight, had grown jealous.

Now he and his Queen Soyrayaj—still beautiful as a Princess from the Arabian Nights, although mother of five children—look after their property. They enjoy a goodly pension too, for Il Duce considers it handy to have a presentable Asiatic Potentate, still in his early forties, about.

Shadow Of Caliphs  
In 1924 no lesser personage than the Sultan of Turkey, as Caliph of 250,000,000 Mohammedans the "Shadow of God on Earth" had to go into exile.

Kemal Ataturk gave him 500 francs and six hours to leave Constantinople. The time just sufficed to book seats on the Orient Express and the money for fares as far as Montreux. There a Swiss hotelkeeper worried for some months about the bill of his Imperial Majesty and his sixteen children, not to mention his four wives and his elaborate suite.

Since his son Jah married the daughter of the Nizam of Hyderabad, Abdul Medjid thrives in peace and security at Cimiez, where, immaculately dressed from his red fez to his white spats, he writes poetry and plays the violin.

### Exotic Refugees

Small and elegant, ex-King Prajadhipok of Siam lives near Virginia Water, England's beauty spot. He refused to come back to Bangkok, so modernised that it would no longer recognise the sovereign's unrestricted rights of life and death over all his subjects.

His 12-year-old nephew Ananda Mahidol, born at Heidelberg and now being educated at a Swiss boarding school, has already been proclaimed Defender of the Buddhist Faith and constitutional King of ancient Siam.

Fresh in our memory is the tragic figure of sad-looking dark-cloaked Haile Selassie, until the Italian invasion King of Kings and Emperor of Ethiopia. After six months of war he fled by train, taking his pet dog and £30,000 in cash, with which he had enormous debts to pay in Europe munitions and the upkeep of his legations in London, Paris and Geneva. Though living modestly at Bath—his daughter a nurse in a London hospital and his young son, the Duke of Harrar, at a preparatory school in the South of England—he has had already to sell his jewels and plate at a London auction.

From King To Landlord  
From royal guest at Buckingham Palace to bourgeois

THE VERY IDEA

## Searching For Uses For Water

By Eddie "Hydrophobia"

FREE water may soon be abolished.

We refuse to be excited at the prospect. What is water? It flows under bridges, washes necks, makes a strange beverage known as tea, has its use for shaving purposes, etcetera, etcetera.

Millions of germs lurk in water.

Before it can become safe for drinking purposes it must be boiled, filtered, chlorinated, and bacteriologically tested.

After all this it should be poured down the sink, and the whisky should be taken with just a tiny dash of soda or neat.

We were three months old when we first objected to water. However, we recall with some grim satisfaction that we had our revenge on the parson.

We must be fair to water, however. Our prejudice against it is not altogether cock-eyed. For instance, we recognise that water is vitally necessary to the British Navy, which would not be able to invoke the Escalator Clause if it had no water to sail upon.

Fish also seem to thrive in it, and it is a handy part of the world to be seasick in if you are travelling across it.

Oxford have even been known to win a Boat Race on water. We are not very keen on this subject.

## Terror Test for these British People

A FEARLESS band of young men and women plunge at 65 miles an hour down the steep Swiss mountain slopes behind Engelberg in the World Ski-racing Championships.

Never were women subjected to such a stiff sports test as that which Miss Birnie Duthie, Miss Eileen de Cosson, Miss Helen Blane, and Miss Philippa Harrison faced recently on behalf of Great Britain.

All the winter they, and eight other girls, trained for the events. Two of the most brilliant of eight were "crooked"—Miss Isobel Roe, who won the trials at Murren and subsequently broke her ankle, and Miss Helen Palmer-Tomkinson, who has broken a leg.

Such accidents are common in crack ski-ing, and are taken as a matter of course.

### Too Old at 23

MISS Helen Blane, for instance, who has "made" the British team, had to have a serious operation on her knee after a crash in 1936. Yet the next year, she was back in the British side, and put up the pluckiest performance.

T. Cholmondeley-Tapper, the British second string in the men's events this year, is another case in point. Last year he crashed heavily, receiving concussion and breaking his nose. Yet only last month he beat the record of the Swiss international, Willi Steuri, over the famous "Schilgrat" run at Murren.

Peter Lunn, the greatest skier England has ever had, considers himself a veteran at the age of 23, and has retired from racing.

Miss Evie Pinching, who is the same age and is our best woman skier, also confesses that the mental and physical strain of international racing is too great and she, likewise, has retired. In 1935 she was world champion.

Miss Eileen de Cosson, the first string of the British women, recently did the fastest time in the Ladies' Ski Club's "Championship" at Murren.







# TENNIS CHAMPION GETS INTO THE LAST EIGHT

## BEATS PEARCE AFTER A FAST SINGLES TIE ENCOUNTER FEATURED BY SPLENDID DRIVING

(By "Abbe")

Though he won his match in straight sets, the form shown by H. D. Rumjahn, holder of the Colony tennis title, was not very impressive yesterday when he met T. A. Pearce in the third round of the singles championship at the Hongkong C.C. He was not as reliable off the ground as usual and was fully extended in the second set.

At one stage of the encounter it seemed likely that the champion would have to go the full distance, but his opponent worked at the net gave him a respite at several important stages. Often Pearce forced Rumjahn out of position with deep drives near the side line only to fall with his finishing volley.

It was an entertaining match to watch nevertheless. A fast pace was maintained throughout and there were some fine rallies featured by splendid driving. Each man shone in turn with winning shots.

As only to be expected in a match in which both players relied on speed to win their points, many mistakes were made. Pearce often played his shot a little too hurriedly when he attempted to pass the champion at the net. This was his greatest fault. A little more accuracy and a little less speed would have served him better, especially in the second set when he had established a lead of 4-2.

### HOW GAME WENT

After 2-2 had been called in the first set, Rumjahn recoiled off four games in a row to annex it. In the second stanza, Pearce, as a result of

some fine passing shots, went ahead to 4-2 but failed to improve upon this score and Rumjahn caught up and concluded the set in the tenth game.

Only one other match in the singles was played. This was the long-delayed tie between H. Owen Hughes and S. S. Hussain in the first round of the tournament. Owen Hughes did not seem to be in his usual form even at the net and was often passed by drives on both wings. Hussain was very steady. The match went the full distance before a decision was reached.

### Scores:

H. D. Rumjahn beat T. A. Pearce 6-2, 6-4.  
S. S. Hussain beat H. Owen Hughes 6-3, 3-0, 6-2.

### TO-DAY'S MATCH

What promises to be more than an ordinarily interesting match in the quarter-finals of the singles will be played on the stand court this afternoon when E. C. Fincher meets Tsui Wal-pui, the former champion and Chinese Davis Cup player. This should be one of the best matches of the competition.



H. D. Rumjahn, the title-holder, in action yesterday against T. A. Pearce in the third round of the Tennis Singles Championship at the Hongkong C.C. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

## THREE-MAN PLAN FOR BOXING ADVOCATED

### More Referees May Stop Faulty Decisions

(By Geoffrey Simpson)

London, Mar. 2.  
How much longer, I wonder, can professional boxing be carried on in Britain under the present system of refereeing?

That is not an exaggerated question. As a close observer of matters pugilistic, I ask it in all seriousness. Week after week, as fight followers are well aware, the sporting atmosphere of boxing arenas, large and small, is being gravely disturbed by outbursts of disapproval at the verdicts of referees.

We are in the middle of a boxing boom in boos. Crowd demonstrations are becoming common. They are being accepted as an inevitable part of the game. It has become the fashion, if one disagrees with the finding of a referee (who, after all, does know a bit about it) to make things hot for him. The referee, unhappy fellow, cannot boo the crowd in return.

Boxing promoters are harassed people. You can see them all tense at the ringside, waiting for the verdict—the crowd's, not the referee's. These scenes do not help their shows. I am sure everyone will agree that they do not help boxing.

It is not for me to say that when crowds boo and shout down verdicts their judgment is wrong. Generally it is right. Modern fight crowds know their sport.

### FAULTY SYSTEM

What I do say is that the boxing habit is not one which does us credit. Competitors in any game are expected to accept a referee's judgment in a sporting way.

However, that side of the question can be left to the good sense and fair-mindedness of boxing onlookers, and I am going to side with them by stating that the general standard of refereeing to-day leaves much to be desired.

Too many debatable decisions are being rendered, and unless the problem is properly tackled by the British Boxing Board of Control, then I am afraid much harm is going to be done to the sport they govern.

Referees, being human, are bound to err at times. But it is my conviction that many of the "funny" verdicts we get are the fault not so much of the officials concerned as of the system under which they work.

The one-man refereeing system is a British tradition, and traditions are hard to break down. Nevertheless, other countries, who learned the game from us, after starting off with one-man control, gradually threw the system overboard until to-day Britain stands alone as champions of the "one fight, one referee" plan.

### THREE-MAN PLAN

In the United States they have one referee and two judges. In every country in Europe, except ours, they have three judges and one ringmaster.

Recently Mr. Charles Donmall, the board's secretary, was in Hongkong watching the Schmeling-Ford fight. I am sure he must have been impressed by the German system of judging contests.

Are three heads better than one? Is a majority vote taken from three

officials sitting independently on different sides of a ring (thus covering all viewpoints) more likely to provide a correct judgment of a fight than the opinion of one man? Bearing in mind all the angry scenes I have witnessed lately, I think the answer is "Yes." We should scrap one-man control.

### HARD WORK

Let us put ourselves in the shoes of a British referee for a moment or two. The gong has gone and the men are at it hammer and tongs. The referee skips around as fast as he can to keep out of their way and preserve a broadside view of the fight.

"Don't hold!" "Break!" "Keep that glove higher," he says. All the while he is instructing, sometimes remonstrating, grabbing the boxers by the shoulders to tug them apart, covering as much ground as the fighters in his booted shirt.

The gong goes, the referee mops his perspiring brow, and says (mentally), "Now, who won that round?" He marks his card, and off he goes again. Make no mistake, the physical effort is considerable.

It seems to me that the referee has so many other things on which to concentrate that his judgment of the actual scoring is bound to be affected. That a good judge of boxing sitting close to the ring side will see more than does the toiling referee inside the ropes.

That also is the Continental view. So in Germany and in France, and all other countries affiliated to the International Boxing Union, they put a ringmaster into the ring and sit three judges at the ringside.

The ringmaster does not give a verdict. He is there to attend to the "Break" and "Don't hold" technicalities, and to the running about. This leaves the judges free to concentrate calmly on the scoring and decide on the winner.

### WORTH TRYING

Admittedly the system is not fool-proof, but would it not be less productive of boo-provoking verdicts than our one-man plan? For one thing, a crowd would not so readily demonstrate against a three-man verdict. Secondly, three men are less likely to give a mistaken ruling than is one official.

Already I can hear an objection. "It would cost too much—why should we pay for three referees?" Answer: Other nations do not find it a costly scheme, and in any case, it is worth a bit extra to rid boxing of "scenes."

And another objection—"Why should Britain follow the foreigners?" Answer: British amateur boxing has had three officials per bout from the beginning of glove fighting. It was our idea in the first place.

In addition, the plan would make more work for referees, so they shouldn't kick. In any case, let us try it. I am sure it would do much to overcome the present discontent.

## Australian Batsmen Want Larwood In The Tests

From William Pollock

London, Mar. 2.

If William Hickey does not mind me getting on his wicket, I should like to say These Names Make Views, except that I had better not mention any names. I can't very well; if I were to give away names my name might be mud in Australia, which would not be so agreeable on my return visit in 1940.

The Views are condensed from a great many conversations I have had with Test cricketers, present and past, in the last week or so, and they just go to show the trend of Test thought.

### Few Fireworks

Bradman. There is a feeling that he has reached his "top." Fellow players say that while no doubt he will get two thousand runs in England, fireworks from him will not be so frequent. He has slowed down, they believe.

There is a suspicion that his eyes are not quite so quick as they were and, that being so, his slightly cross-bat batting may be found out. "Jack Hobbs lasted as long as he did because his batting was fundamentally right—he always played in line with the ball" was how one of Australia's last team put it.

### The Key Man

O'Reilly. General opinion is that he may be the key man of the team. The recently cabled remark by Walter Robins, "If England can master O'Reilly we will do well," meets with much agreement with players who should know.

There is a fear that O'Reilly may be overworked, may find himself turned into the stock bowler of the team. Practising cricketers are inclined to think that O'Reilly may be more important to Australia than even Bradman this coming tour.

The omission of Grimmett. This is very widely looked upon as a big mistake. The O'Reilly-Grimmett combination was much the best one Australia has had since the Gregory-Macdonald combination, and Grimmett is very far from finished yet.

There is no great faith in Ward, who goes to England in place of him, McCormick, or Waite. Opinion is that McCormick is apt to bowl "all over the shop" and that he will need a lot of English roast beef and beer to last out the tour, and that Waite is very lucky to be in the side.

### Blown Up

Ross Gregory is considered very unlucky to be out of it. I believe that this young cricketer would more or less have picked himself after the showing he put up in two Tests against G. O. Allen's team but for the fact that he was "blown up" in a bathroom gas explosion.

I am told by fellow-players of his that this experience seems to have affected his eyes a little.

Ponsford. Players say that he is still the third best batsman in Australia (after Bradman and McCabe), and that he is going to be one of the most missed of the 1934 side.

"Ponny" was picked for the semi-official Test trial at Adelaide—the

Vic Richardson-Grimmett testimonial match—but he asked to stand down for a younger player.

He has an average of about 160 this season for the Melbourne club, still goes into the nets after an innings that has not quite satisfied him, but he tells me that his feet and legs have "left" him. "I couldn't stand the fielding on an England tour."

### Allen v Robins

Hammond. Robins is quoted as saying that English cricketers would be happy to play under the Test captaincy of such a great player as Hammond, but Australians are sceptical about him being made England's skipper. "The M.C.C. won't do it," is the general opinion here. Belief is that if "Gubby" Allen can make a good come-back he will get the captaincy, and, failing him, that Robins will be the man.

Australian cricketers say that Hammond like Bradman, has probably passed his peak years, but—oddly— they rank him as one of the three best bowlers England has. They say that he can be so very fast off the pitch.

### They Like 'Lo'

Larwood. Views are that the Australian team will not meet him. They think that he may be "unavailable" when it comes to matches against Australia.

Nearly every one who has played against Larwood regards him as one of the most beautiful bowlers in cricket.

One of the queerest things I know about cricket is that every Australian batsman I ever talk to about Larwood has the highest regard and admiration for him.

### Voce's Example

What a pity it is that "Lo" cannot see his way to follow the example of his friend, Bill Voce, let bygones be bygones (as Dan Leno used to say) and come back to bowl for England. Just a few lines from him would put him back in big cricket—which is where he ought to be.

It would be tremendously popular. And it really is rather important that England should put up a good show this time and get back those Ashes. We have a distinct chance this time. We should have a better chance with Larwood to open fire for us.

### HOME FOOTBALL

London, Apr. 4.

In the southern section of the Third Division in the English Football League, Millwall defeated Aldershot to-day by four goals to nil.—Reuter.

### Cricket Notes

By "R. Abbit"

## Half A Shield Or None At All? EVERYBODY ENTITLED TO OWN OPINION

Everybody is entitled to his own opinion and I am quite sure that the decision to play for a draw after the sixth wicket of the I.R.C. fell was one which commanded itself to the vast majority of the members of the I.R.C. The position was that there was about 40 minutes to go and about 60 runs to get. A. H. Madar was well set and there were M. el Arculli, M. P. Mudar, I. Ali, and A. M. Rumjahn to bat. The game shut up like a knife. Half volleys were gently batted down the pitch back to the bowler, no chances were taken, and what might have been a sparkling finish died away into a dreary draw. As I have said everyone is entitled to his own opinion. For my part the I.R.C. have won the Shield so often that I would rather have seen them go down in a gallant defeat than crawl quietly out with half a Shield, which quite frankly I do not consider to be better than no armour. I think had the attacking game been persevered with for two more wickets and then when eight wickets were down and all hope was gone had a rear guard action been fought with the last two wickets, no one could have complained. As it was an old friend of mine said to me afterwards in the Club, "I'm going to read your next article. How you are going to defend League cricket after this I don't know!"

### ONE MAN'S MEAT

It is all very well of course, but we have not all got the same idea of what should be done under certain circumstances and I think people are a little too apt to hold the old crack "Orthodoxy is my doxy; heterodoxy is the other fellow's doxy." It is possible that to save a game may be considered better than to lose one gloriously! I personally do not think so, nor do a great many people, but one does not wish to be too dogmatic. All I have to say that I defend League cricket because without it I think cricket would fall to a very low ebb indeed. Were the teams of certain clubs so notably strongly represented in friendly games (other than the plum games at Christmas and the New Year) it should be more hopeful but they aren't. However, enough said.

### PERSONAL POINTS

My congratulations to Minu on his very brilliant bowling feat. He had been suffering from lumbago all the week, but apparently the sun loosened him up. His 7 for 35 was an excellent performance, though I still don't understand how he came to drop Ernie Zimmern off his own bowling. It was in its way as much a key note of the game as the brilliant catch by Francis Zimmern. Souza played very pretty cricket. I

think with a little more experience and patience he has the makings of an Interport, but without the slightest doubt. Ernie Zimmern played a very fine Captain's innings, though his old fault of a shaky start was only too evident. Billmorris is in the Colony at the present moment, but he has got to learn to stand being hit and to take a bit of bad luck. At present an upset seems to mean a bad long hop. The fielding on both sides on the ground was excellent, though the Indians put down more catches than they usually do.

## Tennis Girls' Training Miss Thomas, Aged 17, Joins Up

By Stanley N. Doust

Miss Rosemary Thomas, the holder of the British junior championship and Surrey junior champion for the last two years, has joined the women players who are training and practising for the Wightman Cup match against the United States, to be played at Wimbledon on June 10 and 11.

It is an excellent move to bring young players such as Miss Thomas—she is 17—into these trials. Miss Thomas is a perfect stylist; plays a cool and calculated game. All she needs is stronger physique, and here the physical exercises planned by Mrs. B. Richards would be valuable.

The number of players selected for Wightman Cup practice is now 15.

Physical exercises in one of the squash rackets courts will be followed by some trial games. It is to be hoped that the selection committee will not rely entirely on these games as their guide in choosing the team. Players should have to prove themselves match winners in a series of major tournaments. If some of the younger members of the "squad" do better than the internationals of the past in the open tournaments, they should go into the team without any hesitation on the part of the selectors.



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## PICARD WINS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Bobby Jones' Well Down The List

New York, Apr. 4.

Henry Picard won the Masters' Golf Tournament at Augusta to-day with rounds of 71, 72, 73 and 70, an aggregate of 285.

Cooper had a magnificent first round of 68, but this performance was spoiled by his second, which took 77. He finally finished up with two rounds of 71 each, thus totalling 287.

Ralph Guldahl tied with Cooper for second place with four rounds of 73, 70, 73 and 71.

Paul Runyan was one stroke behind with 71, 73, 74 and 70, taking third place.

Bobby Jones, the former amateur and open champion, finished well down the list, his scores being 74, 76, 72 and 76.—Reuter.



# CUT DOWN THE SCRUMS!

## New Throw-in to Solve Problem

By E. G. BLACKWELL

LONDON, FEB. 27. IT IS PLEASING TO READ THAT THE RUGBY LEAGUE'S CHIEF OFFICIAL, MR. JOHN WILSON, HAS REALISED THAT THE GAME HE HAS DONE SO MUCH TO ADVANCE—BEFORE AND SINCE HIS APPOINTMENT AS SECRETARY—CONTAINS TOO MANY SCRUMS.

Many of us have been telling him and his colleagues this fact for many years, but hitherto it has been contemptuously dubbed a Press stunt. I wish some of these people who sit in high places would realise that Press criticism is generally well intentioned; that those of us who have written about the game for many years are genuinely desirous of improving it, and if at all possible of contributing towards its advancement.

The words I have written at different times pleading for somebody to get a move on and to institute experiments must number thousands. I was recently told it was hopeless to expect that the scrummage problem would ever be solved. I do not agree.

There are several methods all vastly better than that which is being employed at present. Where I do agree is that any very definite improvement is unlikely while the authorities persist in the view that there is nothing wrong with the rules if the players will observe them.

### BETTER METHODS

The trouble is that the players will not observe them, and that neither referees nor club committees can force them to do so.

Thus we are confronted with the plain fact that some very drastic alteration is needed to make the rules so watertight that players will find it more to their advantage to observe than to break them.

Can it be done? Easily, I think. But I am not in favour of rushing into

any new method which revolutionises a fundamental of the game until it has been tried out and submitted to the severest of tests.

### PROBLEM STILL UNSOLVED

Scrumming has been a problem of both amateur and professional Rugby for many years. All sorts of appeals and instructions have been issued to the players, but the problem remains unsolved.

It must, I think, be recognised that the one thing which cannot be ruled out is the human element. If one team thinks its opponents, by employing a certain method of, say, "hooking" in the scrums is thereby securing an advantage, it is but natural that they will copy it, and the practice grows.

At the outset it is given the high sounding and flattering name of "specialisation." When it becomes more general and has got beyond control it descends to the low level of being regarded and described as "cheating."

Now that Mr. Wilson is on the side of reform I am more than hopeful something practical will follow.

There are some who would abolish scrummaging altogether. That, to my mind, is not practicable nor acceptable.

To reduce them by one half would be a welcome step, and here is the method which appeals to me most. Instead of the scrum I would substitute a throw-in from touch. The line-out as practised in the Rugby Union would not meet present-day Rugby League requirements.

### NEW THROW-IN IDEA

The reason for abolishing it—that it invariably led to a scrum—remains, so that the new throw-in must be of a different type.

Instead of a scrum when the ball goes into touch, there should be a throw-in. Judicious kicking is one of the most attractive features of the game, so that if the ball is kicked out "at the full" the throw-in should go to the opposite side at a spot level with the place from where it was kicked.

If, however, the kicker finds touch on the bounce the throw-in should go to the attacking side where the ball goes out of play, thus encouraging accurate touch-kicking.

The players should not be lined up level for the throw-in, but each side should be required to stand at least five yards behind the throw-in.

That would prevent any possibility of obstruction, and there would be ample space for one side to position itself for attack and the other for defence. It means, of course, possession to the side throwing in providing the player to whom it is thrown takes the ball cleanly.

### AID TO REFEREES

But it would reduce the number of scrummages by more than half, and would remove the cause of most of the penalty kicks which are awarded.

The throw-in would, of course, be in a backward direction, and with the referee relieved of scrum troubles he could devote more vigilance to off-side and such-like offences.

As matters stand now the side putting the ball into the scrum invariably wins possession, so that the main difference is that instead of a team which tries to open out play being easy victims of "stoppers" under the throw-in system they would have greater freedom to develop attacks.

Good attack is said to be the best defence, and the usual experience is that where the attacking play on both sides reaches a high standard the defensive play becomes equally thrilling.

This throw-in idea is well worth trying in an experimental match, and I should not only be surprised, but bitterly disappointed, if it did not prove an unqualified success.

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### Cricket

## Australians All Loyal To Bradman

Sydney. All members of the Australian Test team, except Don Bradman, C. L. Budecock, and C. W. Walker, attended a farewell luncheon given to them by the New South Wales Cricket Association.

"We are proud to have Bradman as captain in England," said Stanley McCabe the Australian batsman. "We have our loyalty from start to finish of the tour."

Mr. Sidney Smith, who will manage the side, said: "If England regains the 'Ashes' we will have no excuses. They will have beaten Australia's best team."

Tributes were paid to the Test veterans, Oldfield and Guinnett, who were present, but who are not chosen for the coming trip.

Don Tallon, the Queensland wicket-keeper, has been offered a post in Melbourne by the Prahran C.C., which, he says, he will probably accept. If he moves Tallon will play for Victoria in the Sheffield Shield.

### RACING ACCIDENT

## Seven Killed And Twenty Injured In Car Crash

Rome, Apr. 3. Seven people were killed and 20 injured when a car, participating in a 1,000 mile motor race, crashed into the crowd at Bologna.

Two Italian occupants of the car were seriously injured.—Reuter. United Press adds that the car was a Lancia Millermiglin, and that the names of the Italian motorists were Bruzzo and Mignonego.

### MUSSOLINI UNPLACED

## Dictator's Son and Nephew Drive in 1,000 Mile Race

Brescia, Apr. 3. Vittorio Mussolini, eldest son of the Italian dictator, and Vito, a nephew, driving Fiat cars, unsuccessfully completed in the annual 1,000 miles road race here. Both retired.

The winner was Biadetti, driving an Alfa Romeo, in the time of 11 hours 58 min. 20 sec., at an average speed of 135.391 kilometres per hour.

The only British driver in the race was A.P.F. Fane, driving a German B.M.W., who won in his class of cars, the 1,100 cubic centimetres.

Later, it is revealed that Vittorio Mussolini completed the course in the time of 15:44:15, at an average speed of 103 kilometres per hour.—Reuter.

## OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"The Awful Truth" (King's Theatre, to-day).—Further evidence that with good material it is just as successful to start our hero and heroine already married. This is a picture which definitely lives up to the producers' claims: it is smart, funny and in keeping with the present trend of showing husband and wife, who love and prove it by quarrelling. Cary Grant and Irene Dunne enhance their reputation here for sophisticated comedies. A film worth seeing.

"The Go-Getter" (Queen's Theatre, to-day).—This show might have been better, but it definitely could have been worse. Some of the scenes are amusing and kept on an even tempo by the work of George Brent, Charles Winninger and Anita Louise.

"Kid Galahad" (Alhambra Theatre, to-day).—Bette Davis takes an unusual role in this picture in which she has one of the principal parts. The other is taken by Edward G. Robinson. It is quite an entertaining film, with prize-fights and gangsters making up the thrills.

"Broadway Melody of 1938" (Oriental Theatre, to-day).—Up to the standard of former productions. Once again we see Robert Taylor, and Eleanor Powell, this time supported by George Murphy who shakes a no mean hoof.

"Slave Ship" (Majestic Theatre, to-day).—Warner Baxter and Wallace

## AVERY INCIDENT DISCUSSED

### Question Of Bona Fide Members

The controversy over the playing of A. Avery, of the Illington Corinthians, by the Kowloon Football Club in their Shield match against the Middlesex Regiment, was again brought up at the monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Council yesterday. It was in consequence of a reply received from the Club to the letter written by the Council pointing out that such action was bad form and that under no circumstances should it be repeated.

The Club replied by saying that the Committee felt very strongly the unwarranted attack—and that they were looking forward to a retraction of the unjustified criticism of unsportsmanship. Further, they deplored the procedure taken by the Council, which was both unusual and unfair, as the alleged offender was not given a chance to explain.

Mr. W. E. Hollands said the question of bad sportsmanship was not brought up at the last meeting at all; the sole point was whether or not Avery was a bona-fide member of the Club. Under the rules it was impossible that he could be.

Mr. J. McKelvie, representative of the Kowloon Football Club, remarked that he could not say definitely whether the player was a bona-fide member as he was not present at the Committee's meeting. In any event, he could not see why the Council should pick on this particular incident, as he had known a number of instances where Clubs had been represented by players who were only passing through the Colony.

When asked to give an instance by the Chairman (Mr. W. Pryde), Mr. McKelvie said the match between South China "A" and South China "B" was one.

### Remarks Resented

Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, representative of South China, said he resented the remarks very strongly, as all the players who participated were bona-fide members. Mr. McKelvie replied that it was in any case bad sportsmanship not to field the best team, whereupon Mr. Wong said there was nothing in the rules against it. "So long as my Club fielded the best teams available, I can't see there is anything wrong in it," he added.

Referring to the incident in dispute, Mr. McKelvie said he agreed that if Avery were not a bona-fide member, his Club was in the wrong. The reason why the matter was not referred to in his Club's reply was that the Council did not mention it in their letter.

It was then unanimously decided to write another letter to the Kowloon Football Club, asking if the rule concerning bona-fide members had been complied with in the case of Avery.

Other matters dealt with at the meeting were the fixing of grounds for the following matches:

Senior Shield Final.—South China "A" v. South China "B", Club Ground, April 24.

Junior Shield Final.—Kwong Wah v. R.A.F., Kowloon Football Club Ground, April 10.

Sunday Herald Cup Final.—China v. England, Club Ground, April 10.

On the suggestion of Mr. McKelvie, it was agreed to ask Mrs. Pryde to present the prizes at the Senior Shield final.

The Council also decided to leave the question of the Interport (Second Division) with Macao to the Management Committee with full powers to do whatever they think best.

### FAMOUS GOLFERS

## Hagen And Kirkwood To Visit Hongkong

Two of the world's most famous professional golfers, Walter Hagen and Joe Kirkwood, are expected to arrive in the Colony on the morning of April 9 on board the m.v. Victoria. They are on a tour, and recently gave exhibitions in Singapore.

It is not yet certain whether they will continue on board the Victoria, but it is hoped that arrangements will be made for them to give an exhibition while in the Colony.

The most likely dates would be April 9 and 10, and as soon as arrangements are complete, further announcements will be made.

Beery in a powerful story of the sea and the slave traffic. They are aided by Elizabeth Allan and Mickey Rooney.

### LADIES AT HELM

## True Blue First Home In Championship Race

True Blue took first place in the Ladies' Championship Race, and Eve in the Menagerie Race held by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 10.8 miles.

Championship race yachts started at 2.45 p.m. and the others five minutes later.

Championship Race	Finished	Corrd.	Pos.
True Blue (Miss J. L. Smith)	10.54.20	—	1
Gull (Miss L. Stanton)	10.54.20	—	2
Artemis (Miss M. Whitham)	10.54.45	—	3
Scythian (Miss P. M. King)	10.55.52	—	4
Sirius (Mrs. K. Trenchard Davis)	11.01.01	10.56.51	5
Widgeon (Miss H. Crawhall Wilson)	11.03.22	10.50.49	6
Jean (D.N.F.)	—	—	—
Menagerie Race			
Eve (Miss M. I. Johnston)	10.50.00	—	1
Teal (Miss V. A. Buckley)	11.03.17	—	2

### COAST BASEBALL

## San Diego Beat Seattle In Double Header

Washington, April 3. Four double headers opened the Pacific Coast baseball season. San Diego beat Seattle, and Sacramento defeated Oakland in both. The result were:

	R.	H.	E.
Hollywood	8	10	1
Los Angeles	1	5	4
Hollywood	3	5	2
Los Angeles	13	12	—
Oakland	—	5	1
Sacramento	5	7	1
Oakland	2	4	—
Sacramento	5	7	1
Seattle	3	8	—
San Diego	4	4	1
Seattle	—	3	2
San Diego	9	11	—
Portland	8	13	2
San Francisco	0	12	—
Portland (ten innings)	5	10	1
San Francisco	2	4	1

—United Press

### COMMITTEE MEETING

## Draft Constitution of League Considered and Approved

Consideration of a draft constitution for the Hongkong Baseball League occupied the attention of the members who met at the Brook Club yesterday. The constitution was finally approved. Mr. W. Muir was in the Chair, assisted by Mr. W. A. Smith, Hon. Secretary-Treasurer.

The question of a ground once more arose and it was stated that with the British Navy remaining in the Colony for the summer, their ground would not be available.

Under that section of the constitution dealing with umpires, Mr. Abe Lou, coach of the Chinese team, was elected Umpire-in-Chief and Chairman of the Umpires Board.

Another important point which was included was that any team walking off the field would be disqualified for the remainder of the season.

It was hinted by Mr. H. A. Barros, Recrelo's representative, that there was a great possibility of his club entering a team in the League this year.

### MANILA SHARES

The following business done quotations were received after the close of the morning session by Swan, Culbertson & Fritz from their Manila office:

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Demonstration	33 1/2
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## TRIBUTE PAID TO SIR HENRY POLLOCK

Veteran Barrister's Work For Colony Deeply Appreciated

The Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, paid a fine tribute to Sir Henry Pollock at the Supreme Court this morning, on the occasion of the anniversary of his fifty years of residence and practice in the bar at Hongkong. Sir Atholl sat together with the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell.

Members of the Bar and the legal profession present were the Hon. Mr. J. A. Fraser (Acting Attorney-General), Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., Mr. J. Whyatt, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Mr. E. W. Davies, Mr. M. J. Abbott, Mr. M. A. de Silva, Mr. H. A. de B. Botelho, Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jr., and Mr. C. A. Sutherland Buxton.

The Chief Justice said: "Before I begin the work of the Court this morning it is fitting that I should refer to an anniversary which we are very happy to commemorate to-day."

On April 5, 1888 a young man, Henry Edward Pollock, was duly admitted to practice as a barrister in this Court. He had been called to the Bar in London on November 17, 1887, and had landed in Hongkong for the first time on April 2, 1888.

Very soon after he became a member of the local Bar he was entrusted with official duties, for he acted as Police Magistrate for a year during 1888 and 1889. In 1891, he was made a Justice of the Peace. In 1892 he acted as Puisne Judge for six months and in 1896 he, for the first time, acted as Attorney-General, an office which he frequently filled between that year and 1923.

In 1890 he took silk and was called within the bar of the Colony. For eighteen months from June 1890 he was President of the Land Court to consider claims to land in the New Territories. Professionally for many years his life was a full and active one and the Colony's Law Reports testify to the number of important cases in which he engaged and to his industry and ability in conducting them.

Belonging as he does to a family which is unique in English annals for the number of its representatives which it gave to the law it is not perhaps surprising that Sir Henry should have chosen the bar as his profession and that he should have succeeded in the vocation of his choice.

### MANY OTHER SERVICES

Sir Henry's life, however, has been many-sided, and even when he was in busy practice he found time to work in other fields for the betterment of his fellow citizens.

In 1894 his services in connection with the outbreak of plague brought him a well deserved gold medal. In 1903 he, for the first time, became an unofficial member of the Legislative Council, and from 1903 to 1907 was an elected member of the Sanitary Board. In the latter year he became a substantive member of the Legislative Council on which, from that date, he has continuously served.

In 1924 His Majesty was pleased to confer on him the dignity of Knighthood, a well deserved recognition of his outstanding services to the Colony.

The newly established University of Hongkong too was fortunate in having his wide knowledge and ripe experience at its disposal and in 1925, on the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees Committee, he received the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.

### LABOURS FOR CHARITY

Sir Henry has worked devotedly for the cause of charity also, and there is no deserving cause that does not enlist his sympathy and profit from his helpful advice and inspiration.

In this Court, in which Sir Henry has spent so many busy and happy hours, it is only proper that we should think of him to-day primarily as our senior Counsel and the senior member of the local practising bar. On behalf of my brother judge, and myself, of the bench of Magistrates, of the law officers, the bar, the solicitors and all other officers of this Court I am privileged to recall this in the history of this Court, to express however inadequately the universal appreciation of Sir Henry's work in the field of law as well as in the wider field of the service of his fellow men, and to voice the fervent hope that he and Lady Pollock, his gracious and inspiring helpmate, will long be spared to continue the great work which they are doing.

Mr. J. A. Fraser said: On behalf of myself and other members of the Bar, I should like to associate myself with your Lordship's remarks and to extend to Sir Henry our best wishes for the continuance of his long and successful career.

### BOAT PEOPLE FINED

Charged with having moored in Causeway Bay without a permit, Chong Sam, 38, Chong Yee Chai, 43, and Chan Yee, 40, were each fined \$2 at the Marine Court to-day by Commander J. B. Newill, Deputy Harbour Master.

## THREE AUSTRALIANS BRIEFLY DETAINED ON CHINESE BORDER

Three Australian artists now appearing in a cabaret turn at the Gloucester Hotel were detained by the Chinese military authorities at Shum Chun yesterday afternoon for taking photographs in Chinese territory.

Mr. William Heaton and the Misses Iris Forbes and Joyce Kemp, are appearing at the Gloucester Hotel under the stage names of Billy Heaton and the Ritz Sisters.

Not knowing that photography is strictly forbidden in Chinese territory, the three Australians, who are natives of Perth, Western Australia, took their cameras with them when they visited Shum Chun by train yesterday morning.

"We did not have Chinese visas on our passports, because we had been informed by an official in Hongkong that visas were not necessary for short visits to Shum Chun or Canton," Mr. Heaton told the Telegraph this morning.

The first hint of trouble came after Mr. Heaton had taken photographs of the two girls standing besides a Chinese sentry.

The sentry did not object to the photograph being taken, but shortly afterwards three Chinese officers approached and requested the tourists to accompany them to the military barracks outside the village.

The party was detained at the barracks for over an hour, during which time they were subjected to close questioning regarding their movements.

Used and unused films in their cameras were confiscated, and they were requested to catch the next train back to Hongkong.

Upon promising to do so they were released, and shortly afterwards caught a train.

"We did not realise it was unlawful to take photographs in Chinese territory, otherwise we would not have taken our cameras with us," said Mr. Heaton.

"The Chinese officials were very polite and very kind, and we were in no way molested."

"They explained to us the prohibition regarding the use of cameras, and said that there would be no objection to us re-visiting Chinese territory providing our passports were vised."

## German Vessel Rescues 17 British Seamen

Berlin, Apr. 4. Seventeen British sailors, comprising the whole crew of a British freighter, were rescued to-day by a German "Strength Through Joy" cruising ship off the Dutch island of Terhelling. The British vessel sprang a leak during a severe storm.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

## STOP PRESS NEWS

### JAPANESE GIVEN POST WITH CHINA GOVERNMENT

Hankow, Apr. 5. The appointment of the first Japanese national as an official of the National Government is gazetted to-day. The nominee is the famous anti-Japanese writer, Mr. Wataru Kaji, who has been widely feted in Hankow lately. He has been appointed a member of the "Planning Committee" of the Political Affairs Department at Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's headquarters. The appointment has created a sensation here.—*United Press.*

### JAPANESE RAID NEAR AMOY

Amoy, Apr. 5. Sixteen Japanese planes passed over Amoy this morning in the direction of Changchow. The sound of bombs being dropped was heard in Amoy. While returning to their bases, the planes dropped several bombs in the vicinity of the Amoy forts. The Chinese replied with anti-aircraft guns, without effect. Amoy city was not bombed.—*Reuter.*

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EXPLAINS CHINA'S POSITION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS

London, April 4. Sir Frederick Whyte addressed the Conservative Private Members Committee to-day on the present situation in China. His address was mainly an historical survey of events from the middle of 1937 to the present time.—*Reuter.*

Sir Frederick Whyte was political adviser to the National Government of China from 1930 to 1932, and President of the Legislative Assembly of India from 1920 to 1925.

### BISHOP FRERE'S DEATH

London, April 4. The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. Walter Howard Frere, former Bishop of Truro, who, it is stated, was the only member of a religious order to be made an Anglican bishop since the Reformation. Bishop Frere was Superior of the Resurrection from 1902 to 1913. He was 75 years of age.—*Reuter Bulletin.*

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